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Seize Strikebound Plants to Supply Meat for Nation

U.S. Government to Act Today to End Shortage—No Promise Men to Work

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (AP).—The United States Government will seize strikebound meat-packing plants—probably Wednesday—it was disclosed in Washington tonight.

John W. Gibson, assistant secretary of labor, said the seizure action would be taken to end the national meat scarcity and White House sources indicated the order would be forthcoming Wednesday.

Although little action was taken in other huge steel, electrical, automotive and farm equipment strikes which have boosted the country's strike-idle total to 1,822,000 and no settlement plans were evident in any of them—Mr. Gibson said Government operation of the packing firms would go into effect even though no promise had been received that 152,000 C.I.O. members would return to their jobs to work for the Government.

He added that A.F.L. meat workers, estimated at 70,000, had agreed to work under Federal management.

C.I.O. MADE NO COMMITMENTS

The C.I.O. people have made no commitments," Mr Gibson told reporters after a day-long meeting with union leaders in the meat dispute. "They did not say they would refuse to return—they simply did not say whether they would or not.

In the steel dispute, C.I.O. President Philip Murray appealed to Treasury Secretary Vinson to "take immediate steps to terminate" tax rebate provision in the present revenue law. Mr Murray contended these would enable the steel companies to keep all plants closed in 1946 and still benefit financially.

"Assuming that the steel companies in 1946 break even—that is, do not make any net profits—the United States Treasury will actually pay the industry $140,000,000," Mr Murray said in a letter. The United States Treasury is being mulcted for the benefit of a privileged few bent in sinister conspiracy to plunge the country into economic chaos."

In an effort to break a deadlock in wage discussions for the country's 400,000 shipyard workers, Government procurement agencies recommended a 18 percent wage increase. This would amount to about 18 cents an hour for standard mechanics in shipyards who now receive $1.20.

In Detroit, the strike stalled negotiations of the C.I.O. United Auto Workers announced 3,000 tool and die workers in the Detroit area would be called upon to hold all work on General Motors materials next Monday.

Insurgents Hand Over Hostages

Retain Martial Law in Greek Mountains

ATHENS, Jan 22 (AP).—Martial law in the mountainous Kalamata region of Greece, invoked when a band of rights wing insurgents held nearly 100 hostages for two days, will remain in effect for several weeks, an army officer has announced tonight.

The hostages was released today after British Col. Max Hohler negotiated with insurgent leaders in a mountain village to which the right wingers, identified as members of a group of nonrepatriots known as "Mavrikos" and "Zervas" were killed while trying to escape the insurgents, released hostages reported.

A Reuters dispatch from Athens said Prime Minister Themistokles Sophoulis Tuesday night ordered dissolution of monarchist bands of the "Zervas" organization.

Release of the hostages, was announced in time for Government commanders to countermand an order to attack the rebel basion.

Col Noble said no concessions were made to effect the release of the prisoners and that three were lost part in the uprising would be sought

Sex Education in Oak Bay Schools

Sex education will soon be included in health classes of Oak Bay senior school children.

Oak Bay will be among leading municipalities in the province in this respect.

Detailed proposals about the added instruction were presented to school board trustees by the Oak Bay schools' medical officer and Mrs. B. MacKinnon, school nurse, at a meeting last night.

Trustees agreed to the proposal, which would give such education to students of Grades VIII to XII inclusive.

Questionnaires dealing with the question will soon be sent to parents of students. The medical officer pointed out that sex education in school classrooms was in accordance with suggestions of the Provincial Department of Education.

Suitable films, lectures and booklets will be provided for the staff in the new course. The course will be directed by the medical officer and Mrs. MacKinnon. Classes will not be mixed.

From Europe Day by Day—

THE TIMES, London, Wednesday, January 23, 1946

News and Comment on International Events selected from The Times daily and published on The Daily Colonist by special arrangement with The Vancouver Daily Province

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Commenting on President Truman's message to Congress, The Times says today that the duel between the President and Congress may hold implications for the world no less momentous than proceedings of U.N.O.

The future depends on the ability of the American people to maintain its own house in order and to deploy their resources abroad in preserving the measure of United States responsibility for peace and prosperity in other lands.

The stage is set in Congress for a decisive test of home and foreign policies.

Abroad the remarkable melting away of massive American forces is regarded with concern and even dismay.

At home, new deal opponents are pressing for liquidation of Government economic policies. But even in Britain, The Times points out, it is widely remembered that in 1919 unemployment momentarily reached the lowest point despite mass demobilization, and controls were dispensed with, but the boom and collapse succeeded inevitably

In the next five years in the United States the task of preventing inflation while the supply of consumer goods remains restricted and then of maintaining the mighty productive machine in full-time work can not but demand a degree of concerted foresight by both Government and industry which the new deal scarcely contemplated.

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King George Entertains U.N.O. Delegates in St. James Palace

A general scene at the Royal banquet given by His Majesty King George VI in St. James Palace to the delegates to the United Nations assembly now in session in the British capital. The King is seen at (left) background, flanked by some of his distinguished guests, with (clockwise) Dr. Eduardo Z. Angel, of Colombia, the British Lord Chancellor, S. De Souza-Danias, of Brazil, the British Lord Chamberlain, Dr. Lucio Moreno Quintana, of Argentina, M. Spaak, of Belgium, Prime Minister Attlee, and United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

Four Canadian Ministers Talk With Attlee During Busy Day

LONDON, Jan 22 (CP).—United Nations delegates said optimistically tonight the new world peace organization could settle amicably the vexed problem of British policy in Greece and Java—a development which featured today's session of the general assembly of the United Nations.

Delegates watching the latest moves closely discounted talk that the surprise move by Russia and the Ukrainian Soviet Republic might create a crisis at the very outset of U.N.O.'s work.

The first move tent of U.N.O. ability to smooth international friction brought the comment from President Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium that there were "no grounds for pessimism and a warning from him against falling into "the terror of the League of Nations" by putting off major problems.

A qualified British source said the Government did not had anything to fear or be ashamed of, and certainly nothing to conceal" and that it would welcome U.N.O. intervention

ATTLEE EXPLAINS STAND IN JAVA

Prime Minister Attlee told the House of Commons as it reopened after the Christmas recess that Britain aspired only to "an amicable settlement" between the Dutch and the Nationalists in Java. He did not touch on the Greek question.

Britain's attitude further was undevoted to be that if the Russians have complaints then this is a first-rate opportunity to air them and rival Britain's name"

Some members of the council predicted that commissions probably would be appointed to carry out on-the-spot investigations in Iran Greece and Indonesia if no moves for immediate friendly settlement appeared

The 11-power body scheduled on tomorrow's agenda Gladwyn Jebb Richards, of Winnipeg, to call a further conference in an attempt to settle the dispute between Britain and work

Mr Justice Richards was appointed last October to help mediate a dispute which threatened to bring about a nation-wide strike in the industry. He assisted in drafting up an agreement signed November 2, by the union and the companies.

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WINNIPEG, Jan. 22 (CP).—Mr Justice R E Richards said tonight he was heard uniting in a new agreement reached at a meeting of union and company representatives at Toronto today that he should call a further conference to settle an hours of work dispute in the Canadian meat-packing industry

Mill Bay Ferry Will Run Today

After being repaired at a cost of $40,000, the Mill Bay ferry arrived at Brentwood last evening from Vancouver

Previously named Cascade the vessel is now called Mr. Brentwood and will resume the popular Mill Bay service today To mark the occasion, a group of 50 persons, including representatives from the city Chamber of Commerce, Saanich Board of Trade and the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau, will make the trip from Brentwood to Mill Bay

The ship will leave Brentwood at noon and proceed to Mill Bay

The ferry is now owned and operated by O H New, Vancouver

There Is No Such Thing as United Nations Organization—Who Put the "O" in U.N.O.?

WASHINGTON Jan 22 —(P) United Nations organization There's no such thing as a United Nations Organization. Plain as anything in the charter adopted at San Francisco, are the words "United Nations."

Who put the "O" in U.N.O? The State Department doesn't know.

But the terms, United Nations Organization and its abbreviation U.N.O. have become so commonly accepted that even President Truman, in his message to Congress, used them.

In full accord with the charter of the United Nations Organization. He capitalized the U N and O.

A State Department man told a reporter today that this may explain how the U N O was born.

The writing of the preamble to the charter came last. For a long time this new world group had no official name. So during this period the delegates often referred to it as the United Nations, called it the Organization.

He added that it was along toward the end of the conference that it was decided to call it the United Nations in tribute to the late President Roosevelt who first used the word.

Union Seeks Conference

TORONTO, Jan 22 (CP).—Immediate threat of a meat-packing strike across Canada faded tonight as representatives of the United Packing house Workers of America (C.I.O.) and of three Canadian meat-packing companies agreed that the union should request Mr Justice R E Richards, of Winnipeg, to call a further conference in an attempt to settle the dispute between them and work

Mr Justice Richards was appointed last October to help mediate a dispute which threatened to bring about a nation-wide strike in the industry. He assisted in drafting up an agreement signed November 2, by the union and the companies.

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Mauretania At Halifax

HALIFAX, Jan 22 (Wednesday) (CP) — The 35,673 ton steamship Mauretania, delayed more than 12 hours by storms on her trans-Atlantic repatriation run, steamed into the harbor in the early morning darkness today with 5,148 Canadian overseas veterans aboard.

The big liner was originally scheduled to dock shortly after noon on Tuesday. No change in disembarkation orders were announced, however

The Canadian Army draft of 5,148 was the largest aboard the Mauretania. The R.C.A.F. draft comprised 500 ranks. There were 18 naval personnel aboard. 56 Merchant Navy, three nursing sisters and 11 members of auxiliary services.

The passenger list also included 137 wives and 82 children of Canadian servicemen married overseas, and 78 other civilians.

Churchill and Dress Enjoy Gala Running

MIAMI BEACH Fla Jan 22 (AP) — Winston Churchill loves gin rummy, and he's good at it but in his own words, "What an awful name for such a delightful game"

The British statesman made the remark last night as he played gin with his host Col. Frank Clarke of Quincy, Ill., and Col. Oscar Ewing, Prime Minister of Ontario, after a quiet day indoors.

Delegation To Greet Bracken

Conservative Leader Arrives Here Sunday

REGINA, Jan 22 (CP).—Very quietly, Premier Bracken of Manitoba will be in Regina Sunday to lay the foundation stone of the Provincial Government building which will house the seats of the Legislature. Complete details of the ceremony have not been released by officials of the Bracken Government, but it is expected that work on the new building will commence within the next few weeks. The building will provide ample space for supplementary offices, and will have floors up to 4,000 pounds of floor daily.

FUR TRIBE ASSISTS PAN AMERICAN

From unknown source of Sidney, Australia, that J. H. Todd & Sons Ltd. (We Wholesale Furs) have prepared extensive plans for expansion and development. The development and expansion also includes Eastern Canada, Victoria and Vancouver subsidiaries of J. H. Todd & Sons Ltd.

Work commenced recently works sign on property of J. H. Todd & Sons, Ltd. A modern storage plant is being built at the Wharf Street site and a considerable number of additional works will be prepared for when the establishment has been completed. It is being built at a cost of $25,000

Plans for the development and expansion of B.C. Packers Ltd. plant Ogden Point will be disclosed Friday when B. E. Walker, production manager, arrives here from Vancouver. He will confer with William A. Ashby manager of the local plant.

Need for New Breakwater Is Stressed

Need for a new breakwater to protect Ogden Point dock area and further stressed yesterday by William A Ashby manager of B.C. Packers, Ltd

Although no fish have actually arrived in holds of fishboats fishing vessels often have been forced to proceed to the Inner Harbor to unload their catches he said. Many have used the wharf of Home Oil Distributors, Ltd. Fish boats subsequently being taken to the B.C. Packers plant Each time this happened costs increased

"It would be absolutely impossible to dock a fishing boat during a heavy sea the manager stated

Mr. Ashby also stated his firm was wholeheartedly supporting the establishment of a fisherman's wharf in the Inner Harbor, on which would be placed complete facilities for unloading and trucking fish. He stressed the need for additional docking facilities for fishboats

Referring to the recent announcement that B. W. Brown and Sons were to build a 100-foot fish processing facility on the dome Harbor Mr. Ashby said "It will be a great thing

Ontario Aunt Confident Kurt Meyer Not Killer; Would Welcome Family

MAJ.-GEN. CHRIS VOKES
"Christian in His Heart"

NAPANEE, Ont., Jan. 22 (CP).—Hard working farm woman of the Eastern Ontario district who says she is the aunt of Maj.-Gen. Kurt Kevin Meyer said today she would rather see the German S.S. commander dead than imprisoned for the rest of his life in Canada.

Mrs. Member Ham, aged about 50 is a native of Germany, has two sisters living, and one is the mother of Kurt Meyer, whose death sentence at a war crimes trial in Aurich in connection with the shooting of Canadian prisoners was commuted to life imprisonment in Canada.

Mrs Ham spoke not reveal her maiden name but that of Meyer's mother. She had full newspaper accounts of the Aurich trials at the 200-acre farm where she and her husband have been living for almost 30 years

A newspaper picture of Kurt Meyer, her nephew looks very like one of her brothers. Mrs Ham remarked. She has never seen Kurt Meyer in person, but she declared "I do not believe he would murder anyone, any more than I would. I would rather see him dead in his native land than be imprisoned in Canada."

Mrs. Hams four brothers were killed with the German Army in the first Great War. She came to the United States early in the war and at Cleveland on July 14 1916 married Member Ham, a native of this district. She said he was going to work the farm ever since. They have one daughter Mrs. J. M Harrison, of Ottawa

Mrs. Ham said she has had no letter from any relatives in Germany for several years. If there is any kindness of Kurt Meyer's wife and five children coming to Canada, Mrs Ham said, she would be glad to welcome them

She considered Maj.-Gen. Chris Vokes the Canadian commander who commuted Meyer's sentence—to be a Christian in his heart, who does not want someone else's blood on his conscience". She added that any person who has the courage to his convictions is a noble person

"This terrible ordeal has been on my mind day and night," the farm woman said. "I do not believe in war and there is nothing so vital that it cannot be settled by arbitration. I feel for all the mothers everywhere whose children have been killed. The heart-aches, the sorrow and grief—is indescribable

Heavy Losses From Battle In North Iran

TEHRAN Iran Jan 22 (P). News dispatches today said 50 persons were killed and the wounded in a conflict between revolutionaries of Ali Zalifachar tribesmen near Yangikand, in Khanqin Province of Persian—occupied Northern Iran

The newspaper Iklimal said the revolutionaries first suffered heavy casualties but after receiving reinforcements including armored cars and machine guns the drove the Zalifachar into their village which they seized

The tribesmen were said by the newspaper to be loyal to the Tehran Government of Premier Ahmed Qavam. Some dispatches said a number of Iranian Hakim who recognized Sunday would rule be elected before October, on Sunday.

Parliamentary supporters of Qavam the Afshari large landowner and three other of Iran, have prepared his election to head the Government in succeeding the Premier man who can negotiate with Russia for an amicable settlement of the issues he had been "assured that Moscow will hear an presentation of the Iranian case."

"But," he added, "I have no alliance to Soviet revolution of my proposals."

Highs and Lows Of the Weather

	Max.	Min.	Prec. in inches
Vancouver	42	36	0.02
Seattle	50	32	Trace
Portland	52	34	0.02
Spokane	40	24	0.02
Winnipeg	16	10	
Toronto	32	18	
Montreal	26	14	
Prince Rupert	13	20	
Lethbridge	42	18	.01
Calgary	40	16	Trace
Edmonton	32	14	Trace
Prince George	32	14	
Victoria	47	40	1.4
Kamloops	40	20	Trace
Prince George	32	14	
Prince Rupert	40	32	.02
Seattle	41	32	.02
Portland	36	30	.02
Spokane	34	22	
San Francisco	48	42	

(This report covers 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. P.S.T. yesterday)

Canadian Task of Guarding German Prisoners Near End; 70,000 Moved

BAD ZWISCHENHAHN, Germany, Jan. 22 (CP).—The main task of the Canadian Army Occupation Force in Germany—that of guarding big forces of German military prisoners—soon will be completed as enemy troops are shipped home for discharge.

Of the 250,000 German troops [illegible] Canal by Canadian troops after the surrender last May, only 28,000 remain. Of these, 23,000 are Austrians, 14,000 of whom will leave within a fortnight.

Within the last month, more than 70,000 German personnel either have been discharged in the Canadian area under supervision of the Canadian Army Occupation Force or have been dispatched under Canadian guards to other parts of Germany.

The accelerated discharge is a sequel to the Russian protest last November that the Western Allies were not disbanding enemy military strength rapidly enough. British authorities [illegible] movement, known as "Operation Clobber."

Even the German military hospitals in the Canadian area were turned out.

Escorting prisoners to discharge and dispersal centres was a trying task. The prisoners are moved in slow trains of freight or cattle cars. Because of the risk of attempted escape, guards must travel on open cars in weather below the freezing point.

A recent train carrying more than 125 guards had closed-in accommodation for only 23 and many men were outdoors for as much as 55 hours.

The Canadian troops report trouble with prisoners, principally when SS troops or Russian nationals who served in the German forces are being transported to the Russian-occupied zone. More than 88 such are said to have escaped from one train, making a getaway although fired at, and it is estimated that roughly 2,000 from all over the British zone of occupation made similar escapes before reaching the Russian zone.

An example of how the German war formations have disintegrated is the German Twenty-Fifth Army for which the Canadians are responsible. Only 55 officers of the rank of colonel upwards remain.

Roughly 5,000 German soldiers used in menial capacities by the C.A.O.F. have been discharged from the army and have been retained in their previous employment as civilians paid by the Military Government.

No Work, No Food Orders to Nazis

BERLIN, Jan. 22 (AP).—Enforcing its "no work, no food" policy for Germans, the Allied Control Council today [illegible] workers, male and female, and decreed that persons who failed to register would be deprived of food ration cards.

Heads Inquiry

LIEUT.-GEN. PRICE MONTAGUE

Formerly Canadian army chief of staff, who has been named to head a court of inquiry investigating the administration of Canadian forces in The Netherlands since "V-E" Day.

Plane Search Extended to Calgary Area

CALGARY, Jan. 22 (CP).—Despite numerous reports from residents of the Crow's Nest Pass district, who said they heard planes "power diving" and making other noises evidencing trouble, the R.C.A.F. Dakota training plane en route from Vancouver to Winnipeg Saturday with seven men aboard still is missing.

Harry Boulton, chief forestry ranger at Coleman, Alta., said tonight, "We hope to have more definite information tomorrow" on reports that a plane was heard power diving near Lookout Mountain, about seven miles from Coleman and in the area over which the airplane "beam" is directed.

He and his two assistants in the area are making a "close coverage" of their territory in the Crow's Nest, and Royal Canadian Mounted Police are aiding the ground search.

Oppose British Moving Out Of Indonesia

BATAVIA, Java, Jan. 22 (AP).—Premier Sutan Sjahrir of the unrecognized Indonesian Republic and an official of The Netherlands East Indies Government both said today that they opposed the withdrawal of British forces from Indonesia at this time.

The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic yesterday asked the Security Council of the United Nations Organization to "put an end to the present situation" in Indonesia and asserted that British troops as well as Japanese armed forces were taking part in military actions against the local population in Indonesia.

Sjahrir said that if the Russians did not mind, the Indonesians would prefer that the British forces remain in the islands until the Japanese had been disarmed and removed.

Peter Kierstens, education director of The Netherlands East Indies Government and former Minister of Economics, said: "It would be irresponsible if the British withdrew utterly, and disastrous for the Indonesians . . . for the British to withdraw would mean sacrificing the Indonesians to Soviet propaganda."

Sjahrir said that when the T.K.R. (Indonesian Peace Preservation Corps) removes Dutch internees from inland Java, as it proposes to do, and then removes the Japanese, the "British should be sufficiently convinced of the Indonesian administrative ability to enable them to quit Java promptly after the Allied powers' assignment is completed."

To Pay $40 Fine On Driving Count

Harvey S. Berriman who pleaded not guilty in police court yesterday to a charge of dangerous driving, was fined $40 and had his licence suspended for one month by Magistrate Henry C. Hall.

The charge followed an accident between two cars December 14 when a car driven by Berriman turned over after colliding with a car driven by Miller B. Mooney, on Douglas Street near the Queens Street intersection. Berriman received a fractured skull and severe cuts and bruises as a result of the accident.

Constable Norman Bath testified that skid marks leading to Berriman's car totaled 136 feet in length.

L. Cpl. Henry A. Mumford testified that he had seen the accident and that Berriman appeared to be travelling at an excessive speed.

Other witnesses included James S. Haskell, Gordon C. Hanson and Mr. Mooney.

Burrard Shipyard Reduces Workers

VANCOUVER, Jan. 22 (CP).—Only 100 employees will remain at South Burrard Shipyard by next Monday, it was disclosed today with the announcement 300 employees had received dismissal notices. The yard's wartime peak payroll was about 4,000.

Total employed at Wallace's three Vancouver yards—South Burrard, North Burrard and Lapointe—will be approximately 2,600 by Monday. Peak wartime payroll for the three yards was 15,000.

Ontario Revising Licence System

TORONTO, Jan. 22 (CP).—Revision of the liquor licensing system in Ontario was hinted today as the province looked for cancellation of beer and wine sale authorities in Perth, Peel and Huron counties as the almost certain outcome of the Privy Council's judgment upholding the validity of the Canadian Temperance Act.

Attorney-General Blackwell told the Hotelmen's Association of Ontario "In due course, I will recommend first to the Cabinet and then to the Legislature a liquor licensing policy which will avoid hypocrisy and be in keeping with conditions as they are."

There was immediate speculation that the attorney-general was hinting at the possibility of licensing restaurants to sell beer or at the establishment of cocktail bars.

Nazi Girl Claims Hitler Is Father

HERFORD, Germany, Jan. 22 (AP).—An attractive 18-year-old girl who insists she is the daughter of Adolf Hitler is being held by British Military Government authorities.

A British Army psychiatrist who questioned her said her general intelligence appears to be about average, but that he believed her claim to be Hitler's daughter may be a "hysterical phenomenon with little or no truth or reality in it."

The girl, who gave her name as Gotelind Tortensen, said her mother, now dead, was a Swedish actress and was Hitler's mistress in the late 20's.

Described as a violent Nazi who hates British and Americans, the girl is being held in an internment camp as a security suspect.

No "Automats" On Vancouver Streets

VANCOUVER, Jan. 22 (CP).—City Council rejected yesterday an application for authority to place coin-operated automats on Vancouver streets. The machines would dispense coffee and hot chocolate. Council's licence committee decided publicly-owned streets should not be used for commercial enterprises.

Influenza Epidemic At North Sydney

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., Jan. 22 (CP).—An influenza epidemic has broken out in Sydney Mines and North Sydney. Hundreds of persons in these two communities have been affected.

A baby chick, peeping in its shell before hatching, will be quiet at the hen's warning cluck.

London's Famous Guild Halls Almost Wiped Out in Blitz

By STUART UNDERHILL
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Jan. 23 (CP).—Loss in the blitz of some of London's loveliest old buildings—the halls of the City Livery Companies—came with most Londoners virtually unaware of their existence.

Hidden for the most part in winding byways on sites which have been their homes for hundreds of years, few of the buildings attracted much notice from passersby. But of 36 halls which stood in the City before the war, only two survived intact.

The London of the Tudors lives through them. All traced their history back to medieval days when workers and traders, living in the same part of the city, formed themselves into guilds which became known as livery companies as they adopted distinctive badges and liveries.

Most of their halls reflect an architectural unity stemming from reconstruction after the great fire of 1666.

One of 20 halls destroyed was that of the Barbers' Guild, which has held the property since the beginning of the 14th century.

Another left in ruins was the Hall of the Mercers, the company of Sir Richard Whittington, probably London's most famous Lord Mayor.

The Mercers were the only company to possess a chapel, housed in a group of Caroline buildings said to contain some of the finest rooms in the city. The courtroom, with its paneling broken by Ionic pilasters, the hall with its carved panels of fruit and flowers, the marble staircase leading to it—all have been destroyed.

Also destroyed was the home of the merchant Taylors, the largest hall in London, whose everyday rooms had samples of architecture ranging from the 14th century to the 17th. The giant kitchen dated back to Agincourt, the crypt of 1375, and much of the paneling was Stuart.

In many cases guild members managed to save ancient records, portraits and furnishings hundreds of years old.

The Times of London, commenting editorially on the widespread destruction of the halls, said a challenge—and an opportunity—awaits the architects of today who have to rebuild the halls of the companies in a form worthy to replace the work of the generation who learned their craft from Wren."

The two halls not damaged to any extent were those of the Apothecaries and the Vintners, while slight damage was inflicted on the armourers and braziers founders and ironmongers.

War Assets Asks Bids on Frigates

War Assets Corporation is asking "Do you want to buy a frigate?"

The Government selling agency announced yesterday that 33 frigates were now being offered for sale. Among them are six ships built at Yarrows Ltd. They are the Waskesieu, New Glasgow, St. Catherines, Strathadam, Kokanee and Prince Rupert.

Eleven of the ships are now located on the West Coast, and the remaining vessels are on the East Coast, including three built at Yarrows.

The ships will be sold on an "as is-where is" basis, and tenders will close February 18. The ships are of 1,510 tons, 301 feet in length, have a 36 1-2-foot beam, a depth of 17 1-2 feet, and are powered by 5,500 horsepower, triple expansion, twin screw steam engines. Each carries three drum boilers.

407 B.C. Men Aboard Liner Ile de France

Possibly making her last trip back to the Dominion with Canadian servicemen, the liner Ile de France is scheduled to reach Halifax Friday with 407 Pacific Coast soldiers included among a total of 8,269 returning servicemen aboard.

At least 22 special trains, one bound for Vancouver, will journey over C.N.R. lines from the dock after the passengers disembark.

Jap Repatriation Ship Strikes Mine

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22 (AP).—A Japanese repatriation ship, holds jammed with 4,278 home-bound nationals, struck a mine today 60 miles off the mouth of the Yangtze and was reported sinking rapidly.

The United States Navy cargo ship Brevard radioed that it was standing by the 8,000-ton vessel, the Enoshima Maru.

193,000,000 Russians Now

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 (AP).—G. F. Alexandrov, chief of the propaganda section of the Communist Party's Central Committee, said in a speech today that the Soviet Union's population now totals 193,000,000. Of this number, he added, 100,000,000 were born after the October revolution in 1917.

The census of January 17, 1939 gave the population of the then 11 Soviet Republics as 170,467,572. Since then Russia has absorbed parts of prewar Poland and Bessarabia and created five new republics—the Karelo-Finnish Soviet Socialist Republic, the Moldavian Republic, and the Soviet Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Ask Australia To Join Labor In Conference

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan. 22 (CP).—Australian labor leaders today were studying a letter from David Lewis, national secretary of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation of Canada, suggesting a conference of Empire labor parties should be held in Canada next September.

D. L. McNamara, Federal secretary of the Australian Labor Party, received the letter and passed on copies to all members of the party's executive.

Mr. Lewis wrote that the C.C.F. would be helped by the presence of labor delegates from the remainder of the Empire and they would be able to get in touch with United States labor leaders and "tell them the full story of the Australian Labor Government's achievements and remove many misconceptions which have been deliberately planted in the minds of the American people."

Calls for Unity Among Farmers

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 22 (CP).—Farmers must present a united voice if their demands are to be heeded, Ontario Agriculture Minister Kennedy said today in urging the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to work towards bringing all farmers in Canada into its organization.

He addressed the federation on the opening day of its two-day annual meeting.

"Farmers know their business better than anyone else and know the solutions to their own problems better than anyone else," Col. Kennedy said. For this reason, it had been the policy of the Ontario Government to withdraw from farm affairs as much as possible and leave the responsibility to farmers themselves.

Bank Pays $1,000 On Forged Cheque

VANCOUVER, Jan. 22 (CP).—Two Port Coquitlam, B.C., farmers, Henry and Alfred Summers, have been reimbursed by the Bank of Montreal for a forged $1,000 cheque to their account more than a year ago, it was announced in Supreme Court here today.

The brothers sued the bank for the amount of the cheque, purportedly signed by Harry Summers, and damages for loss of the use of the money for a year. The forged cheque was drawn up in favor of a John Brunton, apparently a ficticious name.

Clement Carmichael, counsel for Summers, said the action has been settled for $1,250 and costs.

More Drivers But Fewer Vehicles

Although the number of motor vehicles in British Columbia decreased by 318 in the first 10 months of the 1945-46 licensing year compared with the corresponding period in 1944-45, the total of drivers' licences issued showed a gain of 14,487.

New drivers' licences issued during the 10 months to December 31 last totalled 13,187, as against 10,605 in the corresponding period in 1944, and renewals jumped from 134,306 to 146,230.

At the end of 1945 there were 131,058 motor vehicles in the province, compared with 131,376 a year earlier. Passenger car figures dropped from 98,714 to 98,682, and commercial vehicles from 32,662 to 32,376.

Chauffeurs' licences, however, showed a sharp increase from 22,562 to 28,239. Drivers' examinations totalled 17,935, as against 13,862 in the 10 months of 1944.

The number of trailers increased from 8,501 to 8,202, but motorcycles dropped from 8,106 to 2,430.

Jury Finds Death Due to Cigarette

NANAIMO, Jan. 22.—A coroner's jury this afternoon found that James Whyte, 36, of Vancouver, died in Nanaimo Hospital Sunday evening as the result of shock and burns sustained in his room at the Crescent Hotel on Saturday evening.

They ascribed probable cause of the blaze which set the room on fire to a cigarette which Whyte had left burning when he went to sleep.

At U.N.O. Assembly

Senorita Minerva Bernardino, member of the Dominican Republic's delegation to the United Nations assembly, now in session in the British capital, is also chairman of the Inter-American Commission of Women. Senorita Bernardino, who attended the San Francisco Conference, is one of the outstanding women of Latin-America and is a familiar figure at Inter-American affairs.

Hear Report On Saanich Water Needs

A. D. Creer, Vancouver consulting engineer who has been conducting a survey of water and sewage needs in Saanich, will probably present his report within a month, it was stated last night by Reeve A. G. Lambrick after the Municipal Council had met Mr. Creer in committee of the whole.

A complete plan for a sewage system in the inner wards was presented by Mr. Creer and examined in detail by the council during a two-hour committee session. The sewage survey has been in progress for 12 months.

A comprehensive water plan has yet to be drawn up, but Mr. Creer made several recommendations to last night's meeting. These included installation of two new reservoirs, a low-pressure reservoir and a high-pressure reservoir. Water would be pumped from the low to the high-pressure reservoir at night, utilizing the full volume of mains during night hours, and helping to relieve the city's water problem.

"We want to co-operate with the city in every way possible," Mr. Lambrick stated. He stressed the need for early completion of the water survey so as to provide relief before the thirsty Summer months.

Pressure and flow tests are being carried out by Mr. Creer to determine needs. The water survey has now been under way for four months.

To Hold Inquest On Traffic Death

An inquest into the death of Mrs. Mary Collins, 81, of 1632 Belmont Avenue, who was fatally injured Monday night when in collision with a car on Pandora Avenue near Oak Bay Junction will be held today at 10.30 a.m. at McCall Bros. Funeral Parlors, it was announced by Dr. E. C. Hart, coroner.

TO SPEAK TODAY

Tourist Trade Development in British Columbia" will be discussed by E. G. Rowebottom, deputy minister of trade and industry, when he addresses the Real Estate Board luncheon today at the Empress.

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Britain's Aim Is Friendly Settlement of Java Dispute

LONDON, Jan 22 (CP)—Britain aims only at "an amicable settlement" in Java between the Dutch Government and Indonesian Nationalists, Prime Minister Attlee told the House of Commons today as it re-assembled after the Christmas recess.

Mr Attlee was replying to questions from Tom Driberg, Labor, and

As the session resumed, Anthony Eden, acting leader of the Conservative Opposition in the absence on a holiday in Florida of Winston Churchill, asked the Government to grant three days for discussion of the contentious bill to nationalize the coal industry.

Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council said the Government

Meanwhile the House of Lords gave second reading without a vote to the Bill to Nationalize the Bank of England Lord Catto governor of the bank argued against "any attempt to drag the bank into the arena of party politics.

These other matters also were discussed in the House of Commons at question time:

1 Mr Attlee said he hoped shortly to be able to make a statement about British forces to be used in the occupation of Japan

2 George Isaacs, Minister of Labor, said the Government kept its promise to release 1,500 000 men and women from the armed services by the end of last year He said the total number discharged at that date was 1,511,800

3 War Secretary Jack Lawson said Indian casualties in Indonesia up to January 11 were 348 killed, 733 wounded and 102 missing British casualties were 25 killed, 52 wounded and 12 missing

sufficient. Mr. Eden asked for reconsideration

Mr Morrison agreed there were precedents for three or four days' debate, but he added: "That is how Parliament used to go on"

The House passed and sent to the House of Lords a bill to control rents of furnished houses and apartments Present rent controls apply only to unfurnished quarters.

Two Prowlers Are Reported to Police

Two prowlers were reported to city police yesterday, but both escaped capture.

W H Warren, 28 Marlborough Street, reported that a man lurking about his house at 8 10 p.m Monday had been scared away by his wife.

Frank Gooch, 1030 Cook Street, reported a man dressed in a light raincoat prowling around houses on Linden Avenue

Took 22 Days to Pay His Battalion

SEATTLE, Jan. 22 (AP).—Capt. Joseph R Hendrix says that paying his men when he was stationed on the Ledo-Burma Road was no cinch. To pay men of his construction battalion, Hendrix had to travel 1,070 miles by jeep. It took him 22 days

Socialist May Be Successor To De Gaulle

PARIS, Jan 22 (AP)—Felix Gouin, Socialist president of the French Constituent Assembly, said today he would accept a nomination to be a candidate to succeed Gen. De Gaulle as president, possibly solving the French governmental crisis.

His decision cleared the way for a possible quick agreement of the three major parties on a new government, although the Socialist parliament group just previously had chosen to back Vincent Auriol as their candidate instead of Mr Gouin.

The Communists already had proposed M Gouin for the Presidency after dropping their own candidate, Maurice Thorez

Support by the Movement Republican Populaire, third large party in the assembly, for M. Gouin was regarded as a foregone conclusion for he previously had been put forward by the Communists as a candidate "above parties"

Will Not Advance Prices on Sugar

OTTAWA, Jan 22 (CP) An expected increase in the price of imported raw sugar will be absorbed through the Sugar Stabilization Fund, built up over the last few years, with Canadian retail prices remaining unchanged the Prices Board said tonight.

"There is no intention of authorizing any increase in the prices of sugar in Canada," said a board statement, referring to a Washington report that sugar prices in the United States will be raised by possibly a half-cent a pound next month to meet the anticipated increase

An increase in returns to Canadian sugar beet growers this Fall, announced several weeks ago, also will be granted without increasing the price of sugar to consumers The increased assistance on beet sugar will amount to 60 cents for every 100 pounds, the entire amount going to the growers to increase their returns by approximately $1.50 a ton

Canadian Carrier Goes in Service

OTTAWA, Jan 22 (CP) Canada's first aircraft carrier H.M.C.S Warrior, to be commissioned at Belfast, Northern Ireland Thursday, will equip the Royal Canadian Navy with one of the most modern and completely fitted Colossus type carriers, naval headquarters said today

Technical details of the new craft show it will have a flight deck 700 by 80 feet, raised 62 feet above the waterline The carrier itself has a length of 682 feet and a beam of 80 feet with a displacement of 18,000 tons. Its complement will be something in excess of 1,200 officers and men.

Capt F L Houghton, C.B.E of Ottawa, is commanding officer

The Warrior will carry Seafire single-seater fighters equipped with cannons, bombs and rockets and Firefly fighter-reconnaissance planes with similar armament

Bradley to Lead B.C. Contractors

Herbert Bradley, newly-elected president will lead the British Columbia Building Contractors' Association in 1946 He was elected at the annual meeting held at the Kit Kat Cafe J N Findlay was re-elected publicity manager

Annual report was presented by P M Townsend, secretary Financial condition of the association was shown to be satisfactory

H Middleton retiring president presented a desk set to Mr Townsend in tribute to his work

P M Paine said the association had done good work in delaying hasty legislation mentioning a proposed $100 annual licence for all contractors. He said it was necessary to have one body to meet labor unions to discuss mutual problems

Small contractors must be prepared to fight a growing tendency toward large building monopolies Mr Paine said

Worthington Greets Protests on Trees

"Victoria's streets are being denuded of trees that other cities would pay thousands of dollars for," Alderman J A Worthington declared at a meeting of the City Council Monday

When a letter to the council from the Local Council of Women protesting the removal of "forest type" trees was read, Alderman Worthington said he was very pleased to hear people were protesting

"It shows people realize we are doing too much," he stated

Rising to the defence of the parks committee, Alderman D D McTavish, chairman, pointed out that no trees were being removed except when petitions were received from residents on the streets involved

To Open Oysters, Make 'Em Yawn

Observing starfish that lulled luscious, unsuspecting oysters into opening up, Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch, of the United States fisheries laboratory at Beaufort, N.C., discovered that plain soda water solved the problem of relaxing the stubborn bivalves. The starfish being a stolid and boresome creature, the oysters yawned in their beds—but the scientist substituted a sousing bath in plain old sodium bicarbonate.

U.S. War Mothers Ambush Ike; Demand Return of Soldiers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP).—Gen. Eisenhower walked into a verbal ambush of irate war mothers today heard at length their complaints about demobilization and promised them his autograph

From a half-dozen cities the mothers, about 20 of them representing organizations devoted to obtaining the release of soldier-fathers, gathered in a hallway in the House of Representatives' office building They had heard that the Army Chief of Staff was due to explain demobilization to the House Military Committee

Unwarned and unguarded Gen. Eisenhower walked toward the committee room Before he could dig in, he was backed into a corner of the office of chairman Andrew May and faced a withering barrage of questions They all dealt with the theme "When do we get our husbands back?"

When he could get an answer in edgewise, Gen Eisenhower, obviously embarrassed but in charge of the situation, told the women

About 700,000 fathers are still in uniform and by July 1 all but 200 000 of them should be home. To turn them all loose now would be impossible.

"There will be no army" if that happens, he added

When the mothers concluded the unscheduled meeting with a request for the five-star general's autograph, Gen Eisenhower told them to write him letters and promised to answer all of them personally, over his signature

Through Mrs Dorothy Galomb, Wilkinsburg, Pa, the women expressed concern over the future of their homes. Mrs Galomb, identified as secretary of the Servicemen's Wives' and Children's Association, told Gen Eisenhower that too many marriages were ending in divorce, and an alarmingly large number of divorces involved service families

"We see pictures of fraternization," she said, adding that "marriage won't stand this isolation."

U.S. Test Pilots Win 1945 Award

A. Elliott Merrill and Robert T. Lamson, test pilots in the engineering division of Boeing Aircraft Company, have been named co-recipients of the Octave Chanute Award for 1945 for obtaining at great personal hazard data contributing to the design of high-altitude military aircraft

The award, announced today in New York by the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, is given annually by the institute for notable contributions to the aeronautical sciences made by pilots Presentation will be made at the Honors Night Victory Dinner of the institute at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, next Monday by William Littlewood, vice-president in charge of engineering for American Airlines, Inc

The presentation of the Octave Chanute Award is being made on the basis of flight research data acquired by Lamson and Merrill which contributed materially to increasing the ceiling and effectiveness of four-engine bombardment airplanes

In 1941, no data existed to show the effects of extreme altitudes on various parts of the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress Merrill and Lamson were assigned to the high-altitude test program to obtain these data Based on information obtained by them, it was possible to make such improvements in the design of the airplane components that operating altitudes in excess of 40,000 feet became possible

Established in 1939 the Chanute Award honors the memory of Octave Chanute, American engineer and aviation pioneer, who gave assistance and advice to the Wright brothers in their early work

Two Cars Wrecked On Malahat Drive

Victim of a head-on collision that injured three men and wrecked two cars on the Malahat Drive near Bamberton Intersection Friday morning David Anderson of Shawnigan Lake was still undergoing medical treatment at King's Daughters' Hospital Duncan last night

Edward J Pike Cobble Hill, driver of the car in which Anderson was riding received a badly cut left hand according to Provincial Police Constable John Lockie, while Sam Ranta, Victoria passenger in the other vehicle driven by Kenneth Clark Burnside Road, sustained rib injuries

Do You Need To Watch Your Diet?

Too often, as people approach middle life they get heavy around the waistline—the result of too much rich, fatty food and not enough exercise This is a "danger period"—when steps should be taken to relieve a system clogged with toxic waste

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Canada-Produced Radar Device Magic Eye for Allied Nations

OTTAWA, Jan 22 (CP)—Among Canada's wartime achievements was a tremendous job in the infant field of radar—that group of radio detecting devices which saved Britain in the blitz and later provided magic eyes for the fighting forces of the United Nations

By the end of the war Canada had adopted and produced thous-

value of some $200,000 000 for Britain, United States, Russia and other Allies and her own forces

The real landmark in North America radar development came in 1940 with the arrival of a British mission headed by Sir Henry Tizard, Brig. P C. Wallace, Prof. J D Cockcroft and Prof R H Fowler

The visit of the British scientists resulted in a pooling of "know-how" and resources and marked the start of the first Canadian large-scale radar effort.

Sir Henry Tizard asked Canada specifically to undertake development, with North American components, of an anti-aircraft fire control set and air-to-surface-vessel or "A.S.V." set.

Despite tremendous handicaps, National Research Council and Canadian industry combined to evolve the set known as "GL III C"—the first of its type to be mass-produced This set, mobile in a three-unit convoy generating its own power by Diesel engines, was successfully demonstrated to Canadian, United States and British services seven

months after requirements had been made known.

The N.R.C.-R.E.L work progressed "frantically" and before the end of the war Canada had developed a "remarkable diversity of equipment."

Two-Way Trading Plan Under Study

VANCOUVER, Jan 22 (CP)—The Vancouver Daily Province in a newspaper story today said that some leading Canadian industrialists and prominent Chinese banks have inaugurated plans to study the possibility of "a large two-way trade between the two countries

The newspaper said the vast natural resources of China will be explored to ascertain possibility of providing raw materials for Canadian industry and Canadian businessmen in turn will seek an outlet in China for Canadian equipment.

Vancouver and Toronto businessmen are directors of the Canadian company which has set its initial capital at $250 000, The Daily Province said

Accepts Word of Mounted Police

VANCOUVER, Jan 22 (CP) A 12-man Assize Court jury today chose to believe the evidence of Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers when they brought in a verdict of guilty in the trial of George Paradis, 59 charged with possession of opium. He was remanded to the end of the assizes for sentence

Conflicting evidence was presented by the officers and Joseph L. Leduc who pleaded guilty on the same charge after being apprehended with Paradis last November 15, and who appeared as a witness for the defence

Detective-Sergeant G R. Johnson said Paradis had said to Leduc, before being taken to city jail, "I'm sorry I got you into this mess, Frenchy I will plead guilty and do everything I can to help you"

Leduc claimed that the statement was "I'm sorry you are in this mess, Frenchy I will do everything I can to help you."

The two men were arrested when they left the Victoria boat that morning and Leduc was found to have some packages of opium in his pocket. He was sentenced to four years' imprisonment

Indian Fined $25 On Liquor Charge

Charged with unlawfully supplying an intoxicant to an Indian girl, Gus Campbell, an Indian, was fined $25 with the alternative of one month in jail by Magistrate Henry C Hall in city police court yesterday morning

The girl involved who pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk, was sentenced to 30 days in jail

"I have warned you previously that if you came up in this court again I would send you to jail" Magistrate Hall declared in passing sentence

Oak Bay Liberals Elect Officers

Oak Bay Liberal Association at its annual meeting on Monday night elected W S Kirkpatrick, president E S Farr, vice-president H H Hollins, secretary, and P A Gibbs treasurer

Elected as members of the executive were J H Harmon J B Clearihue K.C., F M McGregor J V Johnson, Harold Beckwith, Ralph Matthews Leslie Bing, George Bridgman, S Flanagan and J D Fraser

J V Johnson and E S Farr were named delegate to the central committee in addition to the president and secretary

The meeting passed votes of confidence in Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Premier John Hart, Hon Ian A Mackenzie, Minister of Veterans' Affairs and R W Mayhew, M.P all of whom were elected honorary presidents

In his report as retiring president Mr Johnson said that the association in the future must look to the young men and women, who had done so much in winning the war to continue their efforts towards a peaceful world.

Fullest assistance for veterans was advocated by Mr Kirkpatrick in accepting the presidency.

Jack Ruttan, until recently an anti-submarine expert in the R.C.N.V.R., addressed the meeting on the part Canada's navy played in Atlantic battles and related interesting experiences in the campaign against German U-boat packs

Warns Growers To Spray Early

With tent caterpillar eggs more strongly in evidence on Vancouver Island fruit trees than ever before in his experience, W Downes, provincial entomologist, yesterday warned orchardists that unless extensive spraying is done in Spring damage to fruit crops will be widespread

April and early May when the caterpillar eggs start to hatch are the months in which most damage is usually done Mr Downes said that farmers were being urged to spray with a mixture of three pounds of arsenic of lead to 100 gallons of water—the most effective spray against the tent caterpillar pest

He said ample supplies should be available for an intensive spraying programme.

Stitch Heart; Save Woman

MONTGOMERY Ala Jan 22 (AP)—A rare operation in which a stab victim's heart was partly removed from the body and stitched up to close the wound was credited today with saving a woman's life

The surgery was performed on Betty Jean Brown, 25, last Saturday night by two young surgeons. Her condition today was described as "good"

One doctor held the victim's heart in his hand, outside the chest cavity, while the other sewed up the half-inch incision.

Ambulance Group Here Is Honored

No 65 Victoria Division of St John Ambulance Brigade, was one of three British Columbia divisions awarded shields for efficiency during 1945, it was announced yesterday by brigade officials Other divisions honored were No 8 Vancouver Central Nursing Division, and No 18C Vancouver Central Cadet Nursing Division.

"All divisions showed a marked degree of efficiency and it was extremely difficult for the examiners to determine winners," it was stated

Examiners appointed by the provincial office have conducted inspections of divisions in Vancouver, New Westminster North Vancouver, West Vancouver and Victoria First aid, home nursing, drill, dress supplies and records were taken into consideration

W J Bennett, commanders commissioner, stated during his visit here last year that British Columbia brigades had no equal in Canada Members during the war years particularly rendered humanitarian services Many enlisted Plans are under way to increase activities throughout the province

Year's Earnings Show Increase

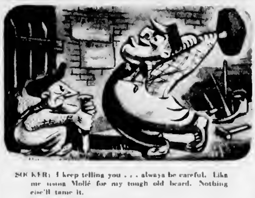
The volume of new assurances was greater than last year in Canada, in the United States and the British Isles despite the fact that 1944 was a year in which records were established, it was revealed by the 99th annual report of the Canada Life Assurance Company released this week

Assurances in force at the year end increased more than $32,000 000 over the previous year to the highest figure in the company's history, the report showed.

Payments made to policyholders or beneficiaries during 1945 amounted to more than $24,000 000 of which 63.1 per cent was paid to living policyholders

Total purchases of new Canadian War and Victory Bonds since 1939 amounted to over $112 00 000

Announcement was made at the meeting of a new basic scale of dividends to policyholders effective July 1, 1946 This new scale will result in a greater distribution than under the current basis In addition to the basic scale the company proposes to inaugurate a yearly special dividend to replace the present five-year special distribution



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Harbor Dredging

The decision of the Dominion Department of Public Works to spend $1,500,000 in dredging in the Inner Harbor here will be welcomed for what it is—a little necessary attention that is much overdue. To call this a five-year plan, however, is slightly ridiculous, because if that is the measure of what the Dominion proposes to do for Victoria up to and including 1951, it might just as well not start. Dredging the annual accumulation of silt in the inner basin, neglected for many years in a row, is all that can be accomplished by this means. That will be useful of itself, but it is no "five-year plan."

We see on every hand now signs that Victoria's moment is coming to life. Naturally, domestic trade has occasioned the first spurt. There are new plans to handle fish, new wharves are in prospect, new services at more than one point. Beyond that, however, lies the great deal that has yet to come in regard to ocean trade. There, as we have been pointing out steadily for years, a deepsea harbor will be necessary.

We cannot understand the apparent reluctance of the Dominion to face this fact now after the proved results of the last thirty years. The latest action by the British Ministry of Shipping, passing up Victoria entirely, is only one in point. If that precedent is followed by other steamship charterers, Canada will be the loser and not the gainer. Hundreds of millions of dollars are taken in here in customs and excise, will not occur again under these conditions.

One is fully aware that exports and imports rest upon world conditions, through international accord. At the same time, there will be neither exports nor imports, nor yet exporters and importers, here unless a safe and all-weather deep-sea harbor is provided. We say again that that is the business of the Dominion.

Chlorination

There seems still some disposition on the City Council to argue with the ratepayers over the business of chlorinating city water. We would remind the Council now that it was elected by popular vote, and by the same people on fact that carried down chlorination by an overwhelming majority. If aldermen wish to remain in office with the will and consent of the people, they must pay some regard to what it is that the people want. Victoria ratepayers have said that they want their water unadulterated, and that means that chlorination must stop in March when the Federal order expires.

If recent discussions before the Council have any meaning, it is that some voters are still being roused in an effort to foster chlorination on this community permanently. Frankly, the community will not stand for that. A few theorists and perfectionists might like it, but the great majority of the people, and the practising division of the medical profession, know that it is not necessary. That goes for pasteurization, omnibus immunization and all the rest of the ever-propagandized state of "public health."

There is one thing that the Council can do of its own authority, without asking Ottawa's leave. It can arrange to have city water sampled and analysed by its own officials, daily if need be. If that is done, a clear mountain source with naturally filtered beds wholly on protected property will probably give us water as pure in the next 100 years as it has done in the century before.

We remind the Council, further, that Victoria is not yet amalgamated, and that its control over Saanich, Esquimalt and Oak Bay does not exist. Let any one of those municipalities object to Oberlevel water, and the whole thing would fall through. In March, then, the people expect action, their way around.

Irritating Delay

One of the most irritating factors facing ex-servicemen following their discharge from the forces is the delay in obtaining their gratuities. On release they are given one month's pay and allowances, after which the first installment of the gratuity, authorized is supposed to be paid. There is no question that this is unfortunately all too suppositious. There may be instances where the gratuity has been paid on the day of release, but they are few and far between. In the large majority of cases servicemen are forced to wait weeks and even months before any payment is made.

The hardship involved when ex-servicemen are unable to find immediate employment is obvious. Men in the ranks have no great savings backlog to draw on, and delay in receiving these gratuities seriously impairs their rehabilitation prospects. No buck relief is available by applying for the special out-of-work benefit provided for ex-servicemen, for this also takes weeks to materialize.

The payment of gratuities in monthly installments was designed to induce discharged members of the forces to husband their resources and refrain from buying sprees. It was also designed to cushion the transition period from military to civilian employment by providing a continuing income over a specified period. These objects are laudable and were well planned, but they are completely nullified by the delay in beginning the gratuity payments.

Ex-servicemen are restive, and with good reason. Many of them are close to being on relief, a few already have had to pawn some of the uniform they have worn with distinction for years. The situation calls for a speedy remedy by the officials concerned. With thousands of servicemen returning to Canada every week or so the task is large and difficult, admittedly. But plenty of labor is available. Many of the men now waiting impatiently for their gratuities would probably be only too ready to aid in the clerical work necessary to put through the payments.

This would not only speed things up but would provide needed employment during a difficult interim period. New methods are obviously required to cope with this problem of delay, which grows more serious daily. Ex-servicemen and their families have a right to expect prompt and efficient handling of what is one of the most important factors in the return to civilian life of members of the forces.

Hindsight

Hindsight is simple, and probably not worth too much attention, as any phase in human development. On the other hand, the world as a world should look back occasionally along the human path that has been travelled. In 1939, for instance, on German Storm Troopers were being taken on route marches: trained in rapid mechanical transport; drilled and exercised; even paraded before the motion picture cameras for such news reels as the "March of Time." The world sat in its theatres complacently and looked on. Yet there was an army being primed for war.

If that ever happens again, the world is not likely to look on so complacently. It will have learned that arms are quite certainly use: that training is for a purpose: that aggression, like everything else, has to be built from the ground up with the roads, locomotives and all the rest of it. If there should be a next time," the Security Council must take a hard, and before the event stage. In the world's favor it is shrunken size in relative terms, in the degree to which every land can watch what every other land is doing.

Our hindsight might go further back. If the world discovers superiority being taught in any school, if there is anywhere an evidence of cockiness, of the attitude of "We can lick the world," that must be taken note of at once. It does not do to wait until children grow up to form Hitler Youth or little Mussolini Infants (with bayonets in their teeth). In short, with war as with fire, the first crack must be watched, and where there is smoke the world must make sure "next time" that there will not be fire.

Wars are prepared years in advance. Peace, similarly, can be prepared and maintained. The vast majority of world peoples want it so.

Seen in Passing

It is one thing to recommend that the City of Victoria sell its fire grounds as a real estate subdivision to the highest bidder, and another to obtain the necessary authority to do so. More than the Government of British Columbia will need to be asked. The ratepayers of this community must be consulted, and, we think, first. The fire grounds are upwards of $1,000,000 worth of improvements put there by public funds, some with citizens' money, and some commercial loans, and some, no doubt, in other ways. Meanwhile, it seems idle to call for "bids" on the property before the people have even been consulted.

The war lasted just long enough to allow some very new publications to acquire the feeling, gradually, that they are public masters. They will be disillusioned inevitably in the years that are to come. The public expects to be served and not to be ordered about. Where the service is real there is recognition of its value. Where it is spurious both the official and his office quickly disappear.

Waiting

Serene I hold my hands and wait
Nor care for wind or tide or sea
I rave no more against time and fate
For what is mine will come to me

I shun all haste, I make delays
For what avails this eager pace?
I stand amid the eternal ways
And what is mine shall know my face.

Asleep awake, by night or day
The friends I seek are seeking me
No wind can drive my bark astray
Or change the path of destiny.

What matter though I stand alone?
I wait, with joy the coming years,
My heart shall reap where it has sown
And garner up its fruit of tears

The waters know their own and draw
The springs that rise from yonder height.
So thou shalt know in perfect law
Unto the soul of all delight.

The stars come nightly to the sky,
The tides come daily to the sea.
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high
Can keep my own away from me

—JOHN BURROUGHS

But heading yet in ever on the wing
—MILTON

The Third Column

By TOM TAYLOR

HOW GENERALS FEEL

Never having been a brass hat, this column does not know how generals feel about things. But it can easily be imagined that present-day wearers of the single or five-pounded stars sometimes wish they had functioned in other days.

These were the days when generals were almost semi-divine, whom it would have been not only inadmissible but heretic to criticize. In those "good old days" a chance acquaintance with a general was a great honor, and a chance meeting glimpse of a red-tabbed figure surrounded by obsequious aides

To most troopers, in the last, a general was merely a name. Many a soldier went through an entire campaign without ever seeing, even on any one of half-a-dozen brass hats who held his life in their hands.

Generals are still surrounded by admiring satellites, but their armies know much more about them. They are not so sure of dying in bed nowadays, either, as one of them once remarked was the prerogative of commanders. They make a habit of consorting with their troops in a manner that would have shocked their predecessors.

HABIT OVERDONE

It is probably a good habit, but it they visited the troops on the other day by some 2,000 ex-members of the American Legion in Florida, they could be excused for thinking that perhaps this Truman-like handshaking was overdone. Especially if they recalled the maxim about familiarity and contempt.

He was a famous general who once stated that little Jimmy Durante himself selves actite the dispatches they would never get the credit that was due them. But they may be a little startled to hear that once out of uniform some thousands soldiers would impeach their former commanders and demand an investigation into the conduct of the war. Perhaps the time of the war.

Generals should do something about this. It is a dangerous precedent. It is true that soldiers are no longer the ignorant pawns they used to be. It is no longer sufficient to point to a distant hill and say dramatically, "Take it!" Nowadays the map to the rocks is known to every man and has to be briefed so that he understands what the scrap is all about.

But it is surely carrying it a bit far if he is to be allowed to do the strategic thinking, and hold an inquest after the deed is done and should more buried

TOO DIFFICULT

Things are getting altogether too difficult for generals. If the status of them doesn't ease up, nobody will want to be a brass hat. Two Eisenhowers and Sandhurst and West Point will have to throw down, and ordinary mortals will be able to think little knapsacks to stretch of embroidery lanyard.

Look how a general is pestered nowadays, even in the middle of a battle, too. There's always a mob of war correspondents waiting to trip him up. He has to be alert and have out a dolly account of his activities and now brief him if he forgets what he said yesterday. Then all the columnists and commentators back home will start prepared to pick his story obliquely.

That's the trouble with the world in this 20th Century. It always wants to know everything. It isn't content to wait until the war is over, politely turned before demanding an account of his stewardship. It even wants a play-by-play story

And the admiring sides. They are still around and are greatly appreciated but lots of them keep secret diaries, and as soon as they get the chance they make a beeline for a publisher's office. Then the boxes are rolled before the poor general has had time to collect all his official papers and put them in chronological order.

DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

Some generals might think another dangerous precedent is being established these days. Unquestionably the admiring Wrens in the dock at Nuremberg are nasty fellows whom the world could well do without. But they were wonderful and stars, too, and once you glamour boys become the prodigal generals responsible for war there's no telling where it will stop.

Why, we might lose a war some day, and then what will happen. If the fellows I believed our war brass hats will have their heads chopped off, maybe. That's a dim prospect getting prospect. Hard to discourage anyone from becoming an officer.

That's an idea. Perhaps we could have an army without any generals. Then the men in the ranks could write their own dispatches and pass out the decorations. Although what the war correspondents would do I don't know.

It's very unfair. Generals have no longer anything to look forward to. The days are being loaded against them—Fifty years ago they could direct their battles by remote control and disclaim all if they were good or bad—until it was long over and it didn't matter much. Nowadays there is no privacy, and no semi-divinity.

They should do something about it. Before the next war comes along. Because if generals feel about it as the column feels, there will be secret—there might not be anyone willing to be a brass hat

Soils With Lumber For United Kingdom

Loaded with 800,000 feet of British Columbia lumber, the 18,000-ton freighter, St. Mission Park, left Ocean Point yesterday for Glasgow, the United Kingdom. The ship docked here Saturday night.

De Gaulle Resignation in Interest of France

By PERTINAX
North American Newspaper Alliance

PARIS, Jan. 20 Delayed—Gen. Charles de Gaulle's resignation as provisional President of France and his reported decision definitely to retire from politics, is to all outward appearances, as irrevocable as the necessary has stated. De Gaulle's statement to the Ministerial Council this morning cannot be taken as a tactical move on his part. Close friends of the general do not believe that he might retrace his steps and agree to continue in any office in the French Government unless there could be assurance on the part of the Ministers and of the three great political parties that they would show greater loyalty in the future.

General de Gaulle has reached the conclusion that party strife, as it exists in France today, cannot be reconciled with vigorous government action calculated for the national interest. Around General de Gaulle the belief spread today that the Socialist Leader, Vincent Auriol, has a good chance to be the head of a new government to be constituted mainly of Socialists and Communists.

It was only last Thursday that General de Gaulle privately told aides of his colleagues of the decision which had been slowly forming in his mind. The Minister who flicked from him that confidential information had come for the definite purpose of letting his chief know that, after a certain date in January, he would have to give up his portfolio and enter a hospital. "By that date," reported De Gaulle, "I shall have ceased to be the government."

As already said, the general has become convinced that the performance of France's governmental machinery is now obstructed and made inefficient by the intense competition developing between the great political parties upon which the present Cabinet rests. Doubtless when he complains about this strife, General de Gaulle has especially in mind the Communist party. And, indeed, despite the participation of Communists in the Cabinet, Communist propaganda long has made the most of all administrative failures regarding the distribution of supplies in order to promote the party's electoral fortunes. This explains why General de Gaulle may have given way to the temptation to hurl defiance and contumely into trying their hand at solving the supposed problem which, today, is beset with greater difficulties than ever

A government where Socialists and Communists would be in combination aims to provoke throughout the nation a keen reaction. That reaction might or might not bring General de Gaulle back to his present post. But assuredly the course of action upon which General de Gaulle seems now determined to embark, if persisted in to the end, would not fail to reopen old wounds and raise more and the entire nation. The only hope is that the Socialists and Communists will not fall into the plunge.

On his return from a short leave in Southern France recently, General de Gaulle was badly impressed by the tone of the political controversies, which broke loose in the new Ministerial Council, held in quick succession. Ministers had been back two hours in freedom. Ministers while General de Gaulle was staying on the Riviera, and they had taken up their accustomed routine and to forestall the Communist electoral triumph of October 21. After that date, with the Communists strengthened in the Constituent Assembly, General de Gaulle could not afford to exclude from the government Maurice Thorez and his friends. He was tied to that fiction of national unanimity from which he had been unwilling to secede. And he has now found the situation intolerable.

An irretrievable error was made last September when the Cabinet approved commissions instituted to purchase meat from all cattle raisers at a maximum price fixed by the government. Then all price regulations were abandoned in dealings between the cattle raisers and wholesale buyers of meat. Therefore it became impossible to see to it that at the other end of the chain retail prices should be kept between the limits set forth in government orders.

General de Gaulle's own formula, which makes it compulsory for the national meat trade as well as for the retail trade to sell at fixed prices, does not dispose of this critical problem. A decisive step to be taken would be to bring cattle raisers—that is, the peasants themselves—within the pale of the tariff. Today the peasants refuse to renounce the freedom given them last September. During the last three days, deliveries of meat have been diminishing. The general tendency of all producers is to anticipate rising prices, and stop up their barns.

In the judgment of competent observers, General de Gaulle took the wrong turn last May when, on the morrow of the municipal elections, he turned a deaf ear to advice, even pressed from his own party government, to part with the Communists in a combination loyalty and to start a Democratic party under his leadership. At that time it was well within his strength to check the growth of the Communist party as later revealed in the April voting and to forestall the Communist electoral triumph of October 21. After that date, with the Communists strengthened in the Constituent Assembly, General de Gaulle could not afford to exclude from the government Maurice Thorez and his friends. He was tied to that fiction of national unanimity from which he had been unwilling to secede. And he has now found the situation intolerable.

Observation Car

By G.B.

FOG

It is not uncommon to hear persons who have not been here long enough to know what they mean by the Winter. One tells them this is a most exceptional season, and oddities in fog will be greeted with disbelief. They do not experience the summer of 1945 when the sun shone day after day for several months. Rain may be inconvenient, but at least it is better than wet snow or ice north winds.

Major J. A. Edmison, K.C., former chief of the R.A.F. office in Germany, and during a recent interview at Toronto, "It is about time Canadians realized what life in Canada stop encouraging the Hitler myth. To those who have been on the German service since V-E Day, there is no doubt Hitler is dead. The manner in which Nazi leaders have been squashing on one another indicates. They would be fully too eager to spread on Hitler if he were alive." Major Edmison wrote: "The true source of cheerfulness is contentment. We should feel perpetually overflows with kindness and sympathy will always be cheerful."

From The Ottawa Journal: "In Toronto civic elections only one in five is given the privilege bothered to vote. The others will feel perfectly free to criticize, to denounce the 'incompetents' at the city hall."

Dr. Julian Huxley, noted British scientist, thinks it would be entirely possible to change the climate of the world by making the polar ice cap with the heat of atomic bombs.

LOUGHBOROUGH, England (CP) —Sir Julien Cahn, noted pre-war cricketer who died in September, 1944, left an estate of $1,614,000 (+$4,347,482).

Letters to the Editor

The letter to the Editor will be thoroughly digest over the proper signature and address of the writer. Letters should be short and concise. The letter limit is 300 words in length. Unauthorized correspondence cannot be recorded

AID FOR INDIA

Sir—May I venture to offer for your correspondence column a subject which I have not noticed discussed hitherto.

The people of India are what we may call a backward people. We are hearing a lot about "self-government" for India. But is that the cry of the problem? Undoubtedly there is a minority in part of the people, but surely not the whole people.

The ordinary man, shall we say, in India, looks upon the British, Americans and so on have attained a living standard ahead of their means of existence. They would like to improve things, naturally, but they are not a class have had, shall we say, some of their leaders say that the way to start is to get rid of the British. And some of them think the British are exploiting them for selfish reasons and that therefore they are not to be allowed to govern themselves. The British people feel that we are capable of governing themselves. And there is a matter more. It has raised that way for a long time.

Meanwhile we on this continent are "selling poetry" and going nothing about it. Of course if we don't learn, then we will never do anything about it. But I submit that we are in a good position to do something about it. A non-drinker and non-smoker, I am not running any risks when I point out that if half the money that is spent in this country on liquor, etc., were utilized to try to help the depressed, and depressing, millions of the Ganges Valley on to their feet, the outcome could be tremendous.

There are many ways in which the money could be spent. Just dishing it out would be fairly frustrating. The thing to do is first to let these Hindus and others know that we Christians are interested. That we want to help them help themselves. That we think they can get some place if we give them a helping hand, and so on.

There is plenty more one could say, but as the risk of being too long-winded.

—ADRIAN PAUL.

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THE MEYER CASE

(The Gazette, Montreal)

Obviously the Canadian occupation authorities, no doubt with the authority and approval of the Canadian Government, decided to make Maj.-Gen. Meyer an example of the sure fatalities which would be dealt to those responsible for the crimes against Canadian soldiers which roused such horror and indignation. Not only was Meyer's trial promoted with extraordinary publicity, but the feelings of the friends and the relatives of the murdered men were not spared by the revelation of their names and the harrowing circumstances in which they had met their fates. After this planned and impressive display, the man whom the court finally found guilty, is to be sent to Canada for a sentence that may be for considerably less than his natural life.

The Irish ends in a pitiful anticlimax. There are the mingled feelings of suspicion and doubt. In one story or the other, justice has fumbled.

(Ottawa Journal)

A Canadian military court convicted Meyer of responsibility for the murder of Canadian prisoners of war and sentenced him to die. The reviewing authority of the Canadian Army of Occupation finds that Meyer did not personally issue orders to shoot the Canadians and commutes his sentence. We have no doubt that this decision was taken after most thought and study of the evidence—and of the old problem. Is the criminal responsibility of a divisional commander for the unauthorized acts of his troops. It seems to us that there are acceptable substantial justice and he adequate punishment this decision reached by men with all the evidence before them, as we accept the decisions of our ordinary courts.

(Toronto Globe and Mail)

Meyer was found responsible for the murder of Canadians. He no one has argued that it was an improper finding. Though his sentence has been mitigated, he still stands convicted as a murderer, and he is a murderer who accepts a pitiful.

Gen Harry W. Foster, president of the court which tried Meyer, stated in an interview in London on Wednesday that he felt optimism the sentence should not have been commuted. Meyer, the general said, "inspired his men to madness," and the slaughter of Canadians was the "direct result" of their training.

The question of whether Meyer was a "good soldier," as Gen. Foster says, has no place in the issue. The civilized world does not accept the view that war is like a football game, which, over, is to be followed by a shaking of hands all around.

(Edmonton Journal)

The reports which have come in so far indicate that Meyer probably gave no direct order for the killing of captured Canadian soldiers. His guilt presumably rests on the fact that he urged his troops not to take prisoners, and that he was in position to punish the officers and men directly responsible for the murder of helpless captives. Under these circumstances, the conviction is understandable and perhaps in line with legal and military precedents.

The Canadian public has a right to know, however, that the new sentence shall mean exactly what it says—life imprisonment. There must be no question of parole at the end of 10 or 20 years for "good behavior" or any other cause.

(Vancouver Province)

It is perhaps unfortunate that that there was no proper justification for the commutation, and that the Canadian public opinion is right in protesting strongly against General Foster decision. The commutation that Meyer did not actually issue orders that the Canadian prisoners should be shot is of very little import.

He had no need to issue such orders. He and the other Nazi leaders had created an atmosphere in which such atrocities followed as a matter of course. Meyer's men knew quite well what he wanted without being told. The responsibility is, therefore, not on Meyer as he thought he had taken a personal part in the murders.

Exports Credit Officer Coming

H. T. Aitken, chief executive officer of the Export Credits Insurance Corporation, Ottawa, will be in Victoria on January 22. He will be available for interviews with distributors, exporters and others who wish to discuss their export and import credit insurance problems with him.

Arrangements to meet Mr. Aitken may be made through the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, C 1214.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(From The Daily Colonist of January 23, 1921)

Appointment Made—The Equimalt Board of School Trustees at their first meeting held last evening appointed Miss Kathleen Chester to the teaching staff of the Esquimalt High School in place of Mr William Carter, who has been appointed principal of the High School at Rhosyna, B.C.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

(From The Daily Colonist of January 23, 1896)

The City—During the last few mornings the inner harbors have been fairly alive with sealers, which seem more numerous than ever before in the history of old Inkshallanda. The reason of the coming to the city of so many thousand pelts is a mystery which no one as yet seems able to solve satisfactorily.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(From The Daily British Colonist of January 23, 1871)

Good Yield—A private telegram received from Quesnelmouth yesterday announces the yield of the Spruce Company on Lightning Creek for two weeks, ending the 15th, as 96 ounces of gold, and the dividend for two weeks, $2,000. Lightning Creek gives promise of establishing its title to the name it bears.

Land Reforms in Soviet-Held Germany Divides Big Estates

By ROSS MUNRO
Canadian Press Staff Writer

SEUSSLITZ, Russian Zone, Germany, Jan. 22 (CP).—A radical land-reform programme has been carried out by the German administration under Soviet control and inspiration in the Russian-occupied zone of Germany. In Saxony alone [illegible] acres of arable estate land which belonged to Junkers and Nazi landowners have been expropriated and parcelled out to small holders.

Seven hundred large Saxon estates and 500 small ones were broken up and approximately 250,000 peasants and workers settled on small allotments of 12 acres, if the land was good, or 20 acres if it was poor. Only a small charge was made for the land and it will be paid during 10 years.

This is the same Russian land policy enforced in Hungary and other areas which the Soviet controls. It is the most radical Soviet programme of which I learned during a week-tour of the Russian zone with a party of British and Dominions correspondents.

In addition to the arable land which was distributed, all garden park and wooded land formerly owned by Nazis and the Junker class has been given to local German authorities.

In some cases the Junkers also were given 12 acres and most of them accepting a holding in some region of Saxony apart from the area [illegible] located. Wisely they decided they could not work a piece of their own land on equality with their former tenants.

Church property has not been interfered with and small landowners with 200 acres or less were not included in the broad expropriation programme.

At this town in rolling farmland north of Dresden I saw a typical estate which was broken up. Its 750 acres used to include 18 peasant holdings on a tenant basis. Now there are more than 80 peasants working their own allotments. Cattle which were on the estate also were distributed to the new farmers and estate buildings are being used by them too.

This was the estate of a prince of Saxony years ago and until the occupation was owned by a German textile manufacturer who supported the Nazis. He was ousted without a chance of getting a 12-acre allotment and his castle, with its marble staircase and oil paintings of the Saxon nobility, was turned into an old people's home. One hundred and fifty old men and women of the district now live there.

I talked to peasants on the estate and generally they seemed fairly content.

They are typical peasant farmers with little appreciation of anything happening beyond their own village.

Butter Necessary, Class Must Wait

HANOVER, N.H., Jan. 22 (AP).—The domestic problems of married war veterans on the Dartmouth campus have invaded the classroom. A college official said today one of the housekeeping students had approached his professor and asked: "Sir, can I be excused from the class for a few minutes? I've just heard that they have butter down the street." Permission was granted.

Says Industry To Reach Peak In Mid-Summer

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 (CP).—Canada's peacetime industrial production will equal its wartime peak by next June, Reconstruction Minister Howe predicted tonight in saying "thanks" to some 300 associates in the former Munitions Department.

In response to his appreciation he received the greeting of "He's a jolly good fellow" from industrial leaders who shared his worries of finding war-scarce supplies and materials.

The former officials of the Munitions Department—which was amalgamated with the Reconstruction Department January 1—gathered in Ottawa from all parts of Canada and from many American cities to attend a farewell dinner which they jocularly termed "the grand finale of the greatest show in our time."

Mr. Howe entered into the spirit of the occasion when he thanked them for "2,362 days of continuous performance . . . (which crossed more than $10,500,000,000)."

The minister, talking to the men who were responsible for Canada's home front war production, sounded the swan song of the Munitions Department in these words: "The work of the department is ended, but I have a feeling it will be remembered for years."

He spoke of the effect of war production in changing the Dominion from primarily an agricultural country to one of industrial production with factories which would continue to produce long after the war.

"By next June we will be as busy with peacetime work as we were in 1943 when wartime production reached its peak," he said.

Factories created by the war were being rapidly taken up by private enterprise and by next June there would be few idle plants.

He turned to two of his Cabinet colleagues who were with him at the farewell dinner—Labor Minister Mitchell and Finance Minister Ilsley—and said Canada had fewer interruptions from labor disputes than any country engaged in war work.

Paula and Midge Were Pals—Midge Is Lost

Paula Raat and Midge, her female cocker spaniel, had a strong bond of friendship and understanding. Midge followed Paula every place and when Paula said her prayers at night, Midge would imitate her mistress, as you see in the picture. But now Midge has vanished. She is either lost or stolen, and had no collar on at the time. Paula's parents, of Plandome, L.I., have been trying to comfort their daughter as they instigate a thorough search for the family pet.

23 Perish in Blast in Italy

ROME, Jan. 22 (AP).—An Ansa dispatch said tonight the death toll in the ammunition blasts yesterday at Torre Annunziata had reached 23.

Allied authorities in Naples said there were some Allied casualties among an estimated 500 injured, but no Allied dead.

A Naples dispatch to Rome's Giornale Della said the explosion of 15 ammunition cars had razed the town's shore line over an area more than a half-mile long and a quarter of a mile in depth, with property loss estimated at 1,000,000,000 lire (about $11,000,000).

Education Minister Back From Mainland

Hon. Dr. G. M. Weir, Minister of Education, returned to his desk in the Legislative Buildings yesterday morning from a five-day visit to Vancouver where he addressed several meetings and received delegations on educational matters.

Concluding his visit to the Mainland on Monday night, Dr. Weir addressed the British Columbia Psychological Association at the University of British Columbia on [illegible] the schools and related problems.

Cheaters Foiled By Liquor Board

For the current liquor rationing year the British Columbia Liquor Control Board produced an "unbeatable" coupon system . . . but it was beaten within the first two or three weeks.

Liquor board chairman W. F. Kennedy had another trick up his sleeve, however, and now is waiting to see whether the unscrupulous ones among the thirsty can now devise a new way of getting more than their share on one permit.

The new-type coupons for 1946 were printed on a special paper that would show up extra printing if any erasures were made. Up to the present, purchases have been indicated by means of a stamped imprint over the appropriate square on the coupon sheet.

Sharpers found that by applying a thin coating of wax over the paper they could have the permit stamped, scrape off the wax, and go back and make another purchase.

They won't be able to do that any longer. Mr. Kennedy has issued instructions to all vendors that henceforward purchases will be marked by punching. It will take a smart man to fill the hole that the punch clips out.

The change-over does not involve any difficulty, for punches were used in previous years.

Comox Logging Building Office

LADYSMITH, Jan. 22.—Excavation work has been completed at the site of the new offices of the Comox Logging and Railway Company here.

The proposed structure, designed by Architect Van Norman of Vancouver, will be a one-story building of manufactured log exterior, with wide windows. It will house a headquarters office staff covering every branch of logging from forest engineering to accounting.

The site faces the post office building and the city hall on Esplanade. The surrounding grounds will be landscaped and transformed into a small forest park.

Work on the new office building will proceed through the Spring months.

Wolves on Rampage Invading Farm Stock in Search of Prey

WINNIPEG, Jan. 22 (CP).—Western farmers have been experiencing literal difficulty in keeping the wolf from the door this Winter as the prairie marauders, hated enemies of the farmer, sheep and cattle rancher, have been driven southward from the great open spaces of the North in search of prey.

Invading some of the more thickly-populated areas of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, the wolves have displayed exceptional boldness in some districts killing sheep and cattle in their pens.

Although no official estimate of damage has been made, wolves in Saskatchewan and Manitoba are believed to have accounted for thousands of dollars in destruction of domestic animals and game, such as deer and elk.

A general scarcity of rabbits, natural prey of the wolf, is one of the underlying causes of the invasion. However, the rabbit population, at the low ebb in the seven-year cycle, is on the increase and probably will be more plentiful next year.

Saskatchewan has raised the bounty of pelts from $10 to $20, and although the price remains at $10 in Alberta and Manitoba an upswing in the number shot is expected due to the boldness and the fact that ammunition is more plentiful than during the war.

Effect of the increased number of marauders was evidenced in reports that school attendance in the area north of North Battleford, Sask., had fallen off because of the prevalence of the beasts.

Moose Lake trappers in Northern Manitoba have told of finding carcasses of freshly-killed moose on a number of occasions, and said the wolves were taking a heavy toll of jumpers in the area. A group of Manitoba trappers at Reindeer Lake realized $3,000 from a season's hunt of the animals, one trapper getting $110 from one wolf den.

When rabbits first began showing signs of scarcity in Saskatchewan two years ago, the wolves moved into Alberta in great numbers, but a recent report from the Alberta Game Branch said there had been no serious or widespread damage.

Indications are that Manitoba will pay about $5,000 in bounties for coyotes, bears and wolves this year, with the greater part of that amount for the wolves.

In Saskatchewan during the 1944-45 season, the $10 bounty was paid on 612 wolves, compared with 625 the previous year. With the doubled bounty, 1946 is expected to be a big year for wolf pelts, which will be sent to the Saskatchewan Fur Marketing Agency.

Court of Appeal Victoria Sittings

Hearing of the appeal of Earl Moorehouse from the judgment of Mr. Justice Harper allowing damages in the sum of $18,000 to Irene Phyllis Brandreth, for herself and her two sons was commenced in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Moorehouse was in charge of an automobile which knocked down Mr. Brandreth in the city of New Westminster September 30, 1943, and Brandreth subsequently died from the injuries received.

The appellant claimed that the dimout regulations were in force at the time and that there was insufficient illumination, that he was driving in a careful manner and that the deceased should have seen him approaching.

Colin D. McQuarrie is counsel for the appellant and Hugh J. McGiverin counsel for Mrs. Brandreth.

Will Renovate Imperial Bank

Extensive renovation to both interior and exterior of the Imperial Bank of Canada Building, Government and Yates Street, will be undertaken in the near future, J. H. D. Benson, manager, announced yesterday. Tenders will be called as soon as the necessary permits are granted by the city building inspector, he said.

Possible change in the street line of Yates Street was given by the building inspector as the reason for holding up the permit.

Estimated to cost $45,000, the work will include the removal of the third floor of the building, complete re-building of the interior and granite facades on both streets.

Tree Limb Hurts Parks Employee

Recently discharged from the army, Alex Johnson, 2721 Belmont Avenue, an employee of the city parks board, suffered strained leg ligaments when the branch of a tree fell on him while he was working in Beacon Hill Park near Dallas Road yesterday morning.

The mishap occurred while he was working with a crew cutting large branches from trees.

Fearing that he had suffered a broken leg, Constable D. Blackstock and Norman Galbraith took the injured man to hospital. After treatment he was allowed to proceed home.

Making Last Trip As Troop Carrier

On docking at Halifax on Thursday the Lady Rodney will have made her last voyage as a troopship and will in future be used to bring overseas brides and children of Canadian veterans to the Dominion.

One of five "Lady" boats, she formerly carried tourists to the West Indies.

Taken over by the navy in 1942 for war duty, the Lady Rodney has since then carried an estimated 50,000 troops between Canada, Newfoundland and the British Isles, and has steamed more than 267,000 sea miles. She has been repatriating troops back to Canada since last December.

Fire Damage in House Is $500

Damage approximating $500 was done by a fire which partially destroyed the kitchen and basement at the home of G. N. Mitchell, 623 Raynor Avenue, at 8.20 yesterday morning.

Cause of the fire was not determined, according to Fire Chief Joseph Raymond, who said it had started in the basement. Running up the stairway, it burned most of the kitchen before it could be extinguished.

Mr. Mitchell, who was in the house at the time with his wife and daughter, said he was awakened by the sound of crackling and by smoke. Firemen were called before there was any danger of them being trapped.

City firemen also reported two chimney fires during the day, one at an auto court on Hillside Avenue at 7.20 yesterday morning and another at 1795 Rockland Avenue yesterday afternoon.

Gen. Crerar Tells Of Dieppe Raid

CALGARY, Jan. 22 (CP).—The tactical failure at Dieppe proved to be probably the most valuable contribution of the war to final and decisive Allied victory, Gen. Crerar said in an address here tonight.

He spoke on "the immeasurable contribution to final Allied victory, bought and paid for by the 2nd Canadian Division on August 19, 1942, at Dieppe."

"Without the bitter lessons learned by the bloody clash, in which Canadian casualties alone amounted to over 3,300, the Allied supreme command would have proproceeded with their strategical and tactical planning for the invasion of Europe on assumptions which were dangerously faulty, and which might have had disastrous results when this tremendous operation was launched," he said.

Qualicum Beach Man Hurt in Crash

PORT ALBERNI, Jan. 22 (CP).—George W. Lloyd, Qualicum Beach, received severe injuries to head and chest yesterday when his car was in collision on Nanaimo Highway to Port Alberni with a logging train operated by Alberni Pacific Lumber Co. Police said the car was badly damaged and hospital authorities report his condition as fair.

Saanich to Ask Ottawa for Water Supply From Elk Lake

Possibility of obtaining water from the Elk Lake-Patricia Bay supply for Saanich will be taken up with Royal Canadian Air Force headquarters at Ottawa, it was decided at a meeting of Saanich Municipal Council last night.

Air Force engineers at Patricia Bay said that they would recommend to Ottawa the Elk Lake pumping station and chlorination plant be turned over to the city with a stipulation that Patricia Bay airport be granted enough water for its own requirements, the council was told by John Tribe, clerk.

At Reeve A. G. Lambrick's suggestion, the matter will be taken up when Saanich representatives meet the city water board on Tuesday. The reeve will also take it up with Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes, V.C., M.P., when he meets Gen. Pearkes on Thursday.

Councillor J. W. Casey pointed out that the Elk Lake plant never pumped more than six hours a day at any time. Councillors Robert Noble and George Austin said that Elk Lake rights would probably revert to the city. Urgency of the problem of supplying West Saanich schools with water was noted by Councillor W. C. Kersey, who declared: "I want all the pressure possible brought to bear on the authorities to impress that we need that water in Ward Six. Our schools are without water."

Creation of an irrigation scheme to serve Lower Vancouver Island was suggested in a resolution from South Saanich Farmers' Institute and Saanich Board of Trade. The council added its endorsation to the resolution, which requested a survey of irrigation possibilities by Provincial Government engineers. Sufficient water supply would make it possible to double farm production, it was stated. A copy of the resolution will be sent to Maj.-Gen. Pearkes.

The council agreed to advance $200 to Saanich School Board for purchase of a hut from Mills Road Camp, which will be moved to Mount Newton School.

Deepening of ditches would solve the drainage problem for several Veterans' Land Act houses on Braefoot Estate, which have been subjected to floods, reported Councillor J. I. Hobbs who headed a special committee investigating the houses. W. W. Shnrrock, plumbing and sanitary inspector, previously charged that septic tanks of houses on low-lying land were in danger of "backing up." The reeve will take up the question with Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes.

The need for widening of Gorge Road will be taken up with the Provincial Government, it was decided upon a motion by Councillor Casey after Police Chief Josiah Bull's letter asking widening at the southeast corner of Tillicum and Gorge Roads had been read to the council.

A request for an increase in the municipality's $350 annual grant for juvenile court work was received from Sydney Child, honorary secretary of the Children's Aid Society, who noted a large increase in the juvenile court's activity.

Charges by the S.P.C.A. of unsanitary condition and neglect at Saanich Pound were referred to the reeve and chief of police.

Two requests for additional street lighting, on Quadra Street and Tolmie Avenue, were turned down. Also turned down were two applications for kennel licences, from Mrs. Elizabeth Spencer, Cadboro Bay, and Mrs. R. F. Snape, 1140 Tattersal Drive. Both applicants were in a residential area, it was stated.

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Social and Personal

A distinguished Canadian and one who has done much for the furtherance of Canadian sports arrived in Victoria yesterday in the person of Sir Hugh Montagu Allan, C.V.O., accompanied by Lady Allan. The couple, well-known to Victorians in the past, will holiday at the Empress Hotel until January 29 when they will leave for California.

It was Sir Montagu who donated the Allan Cup in 1910 as a perpetual trophy for competition between senior amateur hockey clubs.

Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes, V.C., M.P., and Mrs. Pearkes will entertain in honor of John Bracken, M.P., leader of the Progressive Conservative party, at a supper party on Sunday evening at the Empress Hotel.

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Royal Military College will hold its annual dinner meeting at the Union Club, Friday, at 7 p.m.

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Mrs. Frank Pulsham of Creston, a visitor in the city, a guest at the Empress Hotel.

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Major and Mrs. C. A. West, Duncan, Ontario, are among visitors in the city staying at the Empress Hotel.

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Mrs. Hugh A. Chisholm leaves today to return to her home in Havana, Cuba, after spending the last two months at the Crescent Hotel.

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Major C. W. Foreman and Mr. R. M. Patterson, of High River, Alberta, are guests at the Empress Hotel while visiting in Victoria for a few days.

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Mrs. Hampton Harmon and her sister-in-law, Miss Adele Harmon, Toronto, guests of Mrs. A. L. Lynch, Vancouver, during the past week have returned to Victoria.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Rodgers, Montreal, are residing at the Beach Dunes House while awaiting completion of their new home on Dallas Avenue.

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Mrs. W. Schler, Kitchener, Ontario, and Miss Florence Sutherland, St. Marys, Ontario, are guests at the Empress Hotel while visiting in the city for a few days.

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Mr. Arnold Bevan, who spent the past two months at La Jolla Calif., left yesterday accompanied by his young son to return to the South where he will join Mrs. Bevan and where they will make their home in future. Mr. and Mrs. Bevan have been residing at Sidney for the past year.

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Prairie visitors spending a few days at the Empress Hotel include Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Murphy, Saskatoon, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bissell, Tisdale, Saskatchewan, and Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Kerr, Brandon, Manitoba.

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Vancouver visitors spending a few days in Victoria and guests at the Empress Hotel include Mrs. H. H. Webber, Mr. and Mrs. William Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sheehan, Mrs. W. J. Campbell and Miss Campbell, Mrs. I. McMacAskell and Mr. W. J. Herbert.

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Miss Helen Gibson was hostess on Monday evening at her home on Linkhaw Avenue, Oak Bay, to the members and friends of Victoria chapter, Toronto Conservatory Alumni. The guests were received by the hostess, and her mother, Mrs. Helen Gibson. The film Lehmann Music Hall and Painters of Quebec, were shown by Miss Isabelle Pike of the Public Library. Mrs. T. Dixon, contralto, was heard in a well-chosen group of songs. Mrs. Maurice Chandler acting as accompanist. Buffet flowers centered the supper table which was presided over by Mrs. George Brown. Assisting the hostess in serving were, Mrs. M. Chandler, Miss Florence Phillimore and Catherine Dixon. The president, Miss Noel Smith, was in the chair. Mrs. W. W. Boulter was convener.

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Will Be Feted Visitor in Victoria

MRS. H. D. G. CRERAR

MRS. H. D. G. CRERAR who her distinguished husband, Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, commander of Canada's Prairie Command, will be in Victoria next week. They will be guests of Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. W. C. Woodward at Government House and will be entertained at a dinner on Wednesday evening. On Thursday they will be guests at a luncheon given by friends, which will be followed by a dinner by senior officers at Esquimalt. Government House then and Mrs. Crerar will arrive in Vancouver this Saturday.

Duncan Hospital to Give Up Contracts

DUNCAN, Jan. 22.—At a meeting Monday evening of the board of directors of the King's Daughters' Hospital, the date for the annual meeting of the Hospital Association was set for February 18.

Mr. Walter Hudson was welcomed as the representative of the city of Duncan on the board.

It was definitely decided that all hospital contracts will be given up [illegible]

Mr. K. F. Duncan presided at the meeting, and others present were Mr. E. W. Lee, Mr. T. Paine, Mr. R. H. Hopkins, Mr. W. Hudson, Mrs. A. Dirv, Mrs. G. T. Smythe, Mrs. T. Skillicorn and the secretary, Mr. C. P. Ellis.

Salt Spring News

The annual meeting of the Salt Spring Island branch of the Women's Institute was held recently in the parish room, Ganges, with Mrs. B. A. Robinson presiding.

The treasurer reported a balance of $221.69, the receipts for the year having been $801.31, expenditure $759.62.

Mrs. W. Norton spoke on Dorcas work, for which $225.80 had been received for needlework. A report on the Junior W.A. showed a membership of 13.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mrs. H. D. Robinson; vice-president, Mrs. B. A. Robinson; second vice-president, Mrs. K. Adams; secretary, Mrs. W. M. Palmer; treasurer, Mrs. F. Stacey. Other officers were Mrs. W. Norton, Mrs. F. Sharpe, Mrs. H. C. Carter, Mrs. Rainsford, Mrs. Hunter Price, Mrs. F. Baker, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. W. Y. Stewart, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. W. G. Taylor, Mrs. S. P. Beech and Mrs. J. Byron. Delegates to the annual convention, Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Bannister; substitutes, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Robinson.

The annual spring meeting will be held in the parish room at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

It was decided to set aside the Guild, Fulford Harbor, was held recently at the home of Mrs. T. M. Jackson, the president, Mrs. Harold Price, in the chair. The financial report showed $352.02 realized during the year expenses $229.75, leaving a balance of $28.23 and $150 in war bonds. The following officers were elected for 1949: Hon. president, Mrs. O. H. Holmes; president, Mrs. Charlesworth; vice-president, Mrs. A. Dawe; sec.-treas., Mrs. Harold Price; assistant sec.-treas., Mrs. Harold Price; Miss Gladys Shaw. It was decided to have the steeple of the church painted, the cost to be met from the church funds. Tea hostesses were Mrs. J. Briant and Mrs. W. Y. Stewart and Miss Gladys Shaw.

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Antiques Bring Fabulous Prices on London Market

By HELEN CAMP

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Even ordinary people have money to spend because while their salaries have been halved, it has been made impossible to [illegible] and a plain silver tea [illegible] $6,400.

People with money to spend furniture, paintings and ornaments, usually chosen jewel, silver or privately printed book, the experts said.

Even ordinary people have money to spend because while their salaries have been halved, it has been made impossible to [illegible] taking place, which means they anticipate a boom.

"I think that the extraordinarily high prices are fetched by ordinary things rather than by extraordinary things," Des Cruz added. "It's not that things bring $8,000 but that things which used to fetch $40 now bring $400."

At Christie's in Bond Street, Mr. Cruz said that the general level of things of quality provided they are on the smaller side, was much higher than before the war but that there had been a real rise of an outstanding artist's work, a Renoir, a Gainsborough or a Rembrandt—that these had been sense on the market.

ITEMS IN DEMAND

He said people do not want sentimental items so much as things of some serviceable value which they can't buy new, such as Georgian or foreign china, Georgian silver, chairs than the furniture popular Elizabethan small furniture, pictures, carpets and curtains.

Chippendale tables, he said, big enough for a glass and an ash tray, took bring $400 to $600 where a few years ago they would have fetched a waiting table that formerly had fetched one-tenth. Pair of Georgian mirrors worth $90 before now is worth $1,200. A Chinese Book of Birds one of the copies of which brought the world's record price of $9,600 in 1947 now averages $14,000 for a quite bad copy.

A Dresden china service for worth $2,000 or twice its pre-war price. A small Florentine inlaid table worth $8,400 China and porcelain ornaments sell from $120 to $1,200.

For Brides-Elect

A delightful luncheon was given yesterday by Miss Mollie Sheppard at the Dominion Hotel in honor of Mrs. Allen Carmichael, a bride-elect of this month. Cover were laid for Mrs. R. K. Carmichael, Mrs. F. Martin, Mrs. E. Sheppard and Mrs. E. Bulmer.

Mr. Phillip Salmon, 1154 Union Road, entertained at the tea, buffet supper given in honor of Miss Pat Wilson, who is to be married this month. Pretty gifts were presented to the honoree by the hostess 20 guests attended. Vignettes. The guests were Mrs. P. L. Wilson, Mrs. C. F. Salmon, Mrs. G. F. Rose, Mrs. J. W. D. York, Mrs. L. Jenner, Mrs. H. S. Howard, Mrs. M. Holland.

Women's Institutes

A card party was held in the S.L.A. Hall, Royal Oak, when there were 4 tables. Mrs. W. Mainland Mr. H. Pinon, Mrs. P. T. Elford, Mrs. W. Elford, Mrs. C. Page and Mrs. G. Fraser.

Woman's Hobby of Making Shell Ornaments May Set New Fashion

By KATHLEEN HEX

Canadian Press Staff Writer

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Jan. 23 (CP)—While she listens to her favorite radio program Mrs. Edna Davey of Woodstock sits before the formal card-table working over delicate shell earrings, and brooches which are bringing her fame throughout Ontario.

From as far as Vancouver and as far south as Los Angeles, friends are setting the fashions with these dainty trinkets. A year ago a nurse at Balmoral took time out from war duties to send a note asking Mrs. Davey if she would make for another set of earrings to go with a dark off-duty costume.

But shell work is just a hobby with this artistic young woman. Like the average Canadian housewife she has a home, a husband, and three young children to look after. She can alone herself only as time or as a day-dream her jewelry and often not even that much. Arrangements she have seen the gaily-colored flowers, brooches and bracelets a lady Mrs. Davey is turning out. Yet she is too modest about her work. They feel sure if she wrote it, it would probably soon most of Canada's fashion-conscious women would be begging for shells to match their ensembles.

It may have been her early training as an artist which developed Mrs. Davey's innate sense of color combination. Even the mindful setting which she designs is as pleasing to the eye as a good floral painting.

SHELLS FROM FLORIDA

It was several years ago during a trip to Florida, that Mrs. Davey first realized the possibilities in the tiny multi-colored shells she saw there. Eventually two years ago a relative began sending them to her.

With her shells, some light glue and tacquer, Mrs. Davey has turned out everything from earrings to pictures, brooches to bracelets and even sub-trays. The shells are of different sizes from the larger "cup" variety which she makes into the petals of her miniature water lilies to the tiny "baby ears" used as the stamens of her flowers. Occasionally she takes them in their natural colors. More often she tints them with the oils she has on hand.

Where does she get her designs? Well they come mostly from flowers she sees, and sometimes from nature but quite often I just make them up out of my head.

At the present time Mrs. Davey is thinking of turning out something small, yet in the nearly lone-flowers made of fish scales.

"The scales are harder to work with, but they look so beautiful," she said. For the small in every kind of weather she has worn a rose boutonniere which she made from tiny fish scales. And would you believe it the small people have actually come up and stuffed at it thinking it was real."

L.O.D.E. Would Bar Japanese

Possibility of former Japanese residents of British Columbia again setting in future prompted the Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E. to again stage that legislation be brought into immediate effect to control this situation.

The Sir James and Lady Douglas Chapter, I.O.D.E. also recommended that the Government immediately begin public projects to assure employment for returned men. Both recommendations were forwarded to the Provincial Chapter of the I.O.D.E. and copies will be sent to every Federal member of Parliament in British Columbia.

In 1944 the national executive approached the Federal Government asking all Japanese be excluded from Canada. To date no legislation has been passed for any other action taken regarding this matter by the Federal Government.

Mrs. A. H. C. Phillips presided at the meeting. Mrs. D. J. Mugford was appointed distinguished visitors convener. Arrangements were made for the annual meeting in March, when members of Bishop Cridge Mid-Island Chapters will be in charge. Appointed to the nominating committee were Mrs. A. W. Walsh, Mrs. F. E. Dewdney, Mrs. T. Jamieson, Mrs. D. J. Mugford and L. L. Williams.

The treasurer's report, presented by Mrs. P. Cunningham, showed a balance of $422.34 in the general fund and $223.46 in the poppy-war service fund. Mrs. F. E. Dewdney, war service convener reported 314 garments turned in last month and 144 knitted knitted wrist warmers given, in spite of the Royal Navy.

Mrs. J. L. Ford stated the sum of $1042.81 had been collected in Victoria for the Jessie R. Burke Cancer Fund. Other reports were presented by Mrs. P. E. Corby, international Drama Festival, Mrs. P. Brickett, educational secretary, Mrs. W. R. Hibbs, regent-elect, Mrs. E. Echoes secretary Mrs. L. E. Wood, Mrs. G. Mellor, child welfare, Mrs. T. Lumsden, ex-officio, Mrs. W. I. Williams, Edna Mrs. C. Wesson, W.P.T.B. Mrs. J. Cotton Empire Study Group.

P.-T. Associations

Parent-Teacher radio program to be at 5 p.m. over CJVI will present a timely topic. Some Highlights of Pre-Primary Education in Victoria. Miss Marion James, consultant in nursery education, will lead the discussion, and another talking part in the broadcast will be Mrs. Dorothy Todd. Miss Marjorie Sansom and Miss Wynette Copeland will. Mrs. Walter Riley will be the announcer.

The book discussion group from the Oaklands P.-T.A. will meet at the home of Mrs. G. Ralston, 2204 Acton Street, Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

ARBROATH Scotland (CP)—The first permanent training school for Naval air artificers apprentices is to be established here in January. Arbroath is one of the Royal Naval air stations in Britain.

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sum of $100 as the nucleus of a fund for the building of a parish hall. Also to pay the pledge fund now due for the year ending in March, the sum of $25 was voted towards completing the work in St. Mark's vestry and $10 to the Diocesan secretary to purchase material. Mrs. J. H. Carlisson was made an honorary member of the branch in recognition of her work. Refreshments were laid during for St. Mark's Church. Tea hostesses were Mrs. S. P. Beech and Mrs. H. Price.

ST. MARY'S GUILD

The annual meeting of St. Mary's Guild, Fulford Harbor was held recently at the home of Mrs. T. M. Jackson, the president, Mrs. Harold Price, in the chair. The financial report showed $352.02 realized during the year expenses $229.75, leaving a balance of $28.23 and $150 in war bonds. The following officers were elected for 1949: Hon. president, Mrs. O. H. Holmes; president, Mrs. Charlesworth; vice-president, Mrs. A. Dawe; sec.-treas., Mrs. Harold Price; Miss Gladys Shaw. It was decided to have the steeple of the church painted, the cost to be met from the church funds. Tea hostesses were Mrs. J. Briant and Mrs. W. Y. Stewart and Miss Gladys Shaw.

GUILD OF SUSSEX

The Guild of Sussex met recently at Ganges Inn, with the president, Mrs. Bennett, in the chair. The treasurer's report showed a balance of $120.97 and the members voted to donate another Victory Bond. It was decided to donate $15 to the local branch of the Red Cross. Tea hostesses, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. F. Sharpe.

P.-T.A.

Salt Spring Island branch of the P.-T.A. met recently in the library of the United School, Ganges, with Mrs. D. K. Crofton presiding. At the next meeting four persons will participate in a panel discussion on adolescence. Mrs. H. Rainsford was elected historian, to keep a record of the activities of the association. Mrs. Clarke C. Moulton gave a comprehensive address on the Conference on Children and effect upon the school district. Refreshments were served by Mrs. F. Sharpe and Mr. N. Holland.

MRS. HODGES IS GUEST

A meeting of the Ganges and North Salt Spring Liberal Association was held recently in the Legion hall, Ganges, when Mrs. Hodges, guest speaker, was introduced by Mr. W. M. Mouat. Mrs. Hodges, in her interesting address dealt with the Conference report the British Commonwealth Commission and other projects likely to be put before the House during the new session.

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Societies

The W A to the Army and Navy will hold a card party Thursday at 8 p m in the Union Building.

Children of France Society will meet at 301 Union Building Thursday from 2 30 to 5 p m

The Rebekah P.N. Grand Club will meet Friday at the Zetland Tea-room at 8 p m.

A demonstration ... will be given ... the Victoria Arts and Crafts Society when its meets Friday at 8 p m in the clubrooms. Members are requested to bring their painting equipment

Red Cross Notes

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Victoria City and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be held on Wednesday, January 30 commencing at 2 30 o'clock at 1006 Government Street, and that in accordance with Section Six of the Constitution, nominations for officers and members of the executive committee may be made by any member in good standing, and shall be submitted in writing, duly proposed and seconded and with the consent of the nominee, to the secretary at 602 Broughton Street, not less than 24 hours before the time set for the meeting

Your Daily Forecast

By EDWARD A WAGNER

PLANETARY GUIDE FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1946

Keywords for the Day Readjustment, self-reliance, patience

Wednesday in General Expect little from new contacts or projects which first come to your attention now Best to square away work and correct past errors Attention to routine helps one get down to earth Social co-operative moves help

If January 23 Is Your Birthdate "Many happy returns" Famous persons born on this date include Randolph Scott, movie actor; Holbrook Blinn, actor; Frank Shuman, inventor of "safety" glass

Your Year Ahead: Fit your plans and any journeying into a pattern that leaves plenty of time and energy for necessary duties Let your work in the world and health requirements be deciding factors this year Keep relations with in-laws kin of others harmonious.

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Wardens Elected By St. Martin's

J Atkinson and R. R F Sewell ... people's wardens respectively, at the annual congregational meeting of St Martin's-in-the-Field Church on Monday night

The vicar, Rev Canon A E Greenhalgh presided A satisfactory financial statement was read and encouraging progress was shown in reports of the church organizations

The church committee for the coming year will be Messrs Wills, Averill, Willoughby Foster, Hilton, Wilson, Gilbert, Rust and Ogden Delegates to the synod will be Messrs Foster Atkinson, Willoughby and Pope Mrs. Cornwall and Mrs. Harding are delegates to the ruri-decanal conference

Prior to the meeting a supper was served by ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary and Guild

Citadel Plans Nearly Complete

Plans for the new Salvation Army Citadel on Pandora Avenue are rapidly nearing completion, Major A McInnes commanding officer of the Citadel Corps of the Salvation Army here reported last night

Property has been purchased on Pandora Avenue between Douglas and Blanshard Streets and construction of the $80,000 building will be commenced in the near future, Major McInnes said

According to present plans the new headquarters of the Citadel Corps will be a one-story structure approximately 120 feet square. It will be completely modern inside and out and will contain recreational and social facilities. The spiritual well-being of the men will also be provided for in the new building

Tenders will be called for as soon as plans are finalized Major McInnes said, and it is hoped the building will be ready for occupancy before the end of this Summer

The former Salvation Army building 1414 Broad Street recently purchased for $4,200 by A Melville Cowx, will be repaired and used as a hall.

A special roof and a new floor are included in the repairs A permit for $5,000 has been issued, the new owner reported

Pro-Rec Class in Action at Crystal Garden

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One of the numerous Pro-Rec "Keep Fit" classes now in operation at the Crystal Garden is pictured above Under the supervision of the Department of Education, the classes are part of a national fitness program and are attracting large registrations this year Miss Frances Barde is chief instructress for Victoria

Tonsils—Asset or Liability

By Dr J B WARREN

You see and hear of so many youngsters having their tonsils removed that you may wonder why they were ever put in the human body Nature meant the body to have tonsils and to have them remain until children were in their teens because tonsils filter poisons out of the blood and help the children through children's diseases. However, once tonsils get infected and cause sore throats they should be removed because they may cause rheumatism and heart disease

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It was reported that 136,500 cigarettes, 70 food parcels and 30 pairs of socks were sent overseas last year at the annual meeting of the W A to the Canadian Dental Corps Mrs J C Foote presided Treasurer, Mrs B E Nickells, reported that $663 had been raised during the past year through various functions It was decided that the present slate of officers would continue in act until the auxiliary becomes inactive

Crerar Presents Awards at Calgary

CALGARY Jan 22 (CP)—In a brief but colorful ceremony at Currie Barracks today General H D G Crerar invested 21 Albertans with awards won on active service with the Canadian Army.

The former commander of the Canadian First Army presented the awards in the first army investiture ever held in Calgary

The commander at the station Col Louis Scott who was to have been formally made an officer of the Order of the British Empire, was unable to attend the ceremony He lay instead in the camp hospital, where he has been ill for some days, and was visited there by General Crerar He will receive his award at a later date.

Noel Is Comox Village Chairman

Jack Noel has been named chairman of commissioners for the recently incorporated village municipality of Comox, B C. Bracewell deputy minister of municipal affairs, reported yesterday Other commissioners are David Aitken and Heber Cooke

C S. Jensen has been appointed village clerk by the commissioners Compilation of an assessment roll for purposes of taxation, and organization of a fire department, will be arranged by commissioners

My Neighbor Says:

To raise grapefruit plants from seeds choose a very ripe grapefruit remove the seeds and plant half an inch deep Allow about 15 seeds in a six-inch pot

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Oak Bay Trustees Form Committees

Committees for 1946 were appointed last night at a meeting of the Oak Bay School Board

They are

Finance—R M Lockhead and R N Collison

Building and Grounds Mr M A Beckwith and R S S Yates

Education—Mrs Beckwith and Mr Lockhead

Give Certificates To Saanich Group

Members of the Civil Defence organization in District 3 Saanich, last night were presented with certificates by E C Warren former reeve

The presentations were made at the home of F T Hodgkinson district warden 3201 Richmond Road More than 60 people participated in Civil Defence activities of the district

Capt E D W Jensen Civil Defence controller for the municipality, was to have made the presentations, but was called out of town

Burns Night Concert To Be Held Tomorrow

Annual Burns Night concert of the St Andrew's and Caledonian Society will be held at the Sirocco Club tomorrow evening The programme will commence with a concert at 8 p m Dancing will be featured until 1 a m

The following artists will take part in the concert Pipe-Major A Pollock, pipe selection Mrs C A Goodwin, J Lindsay Miss Marion Mitchell Mrs A Butler and A Jackmon, songs K Stankowski violin selection Miss Elsie Scott accordion solo Master Ronnie Marrs Highland dance Stanley James and George Durham, entertainer

Duncan MacBride will be master of ceremonies

STREATLEY England (CP) Lonely 84-year-old S Taylor has knitted 150 pullovers for merchant navy men in his cottage in this Berkshire village.

Scrimgeour Head Of Young People

Knox Scrimgeour was elected president of the St Andrew's Presbyterian Young People's Society at a meeting held on Monday night Shirley Stevenson is vice-president

Rev J L W McLean was chosen honorary president and Mrs McLean honorary vice-president.

Other officers elected were Joan ... treasurer Mary Dryburgh, worship convener. Joan Johnston, social convener, Norman Cook fellowship convener, and Betty Ferrie press secretary

Official installation of these officers will be held during the church service next Sunday evening

The meeting was opened by a devotional period led by Joan Lawrence and Knox Scrimgeour

Head of Rangers Leaves Services

Lt-Col T A H Taylor, O.B.E., M.C., founder and commander of the famous Pacific Coast Militia Rangers retired Saturday from the army.

Known the length and breadth of the province to the thousands of veterans who formed the rangers Col Taylor organized this unit shortly after the outbreak of the war with Japan

At that time Col Taylor was one of the few officers in Pacific Command who had knowledge of the country that lay beyond the settled areas and highways With his band of rangers men experienced in the bush, an effective patrol was set up to keep a constant vigil for any Japanese balloons or attempted landings The effectiveness of these patrols was well demonstrated when the Japanese launched balloons over the province

A graduate of Royal Military College in 1912 Colonel Taylor saw service in the First Great War and won the Military Cross for his work in the field Soon after the outbreak of the Second Great War Colonel Taylor was called from his civilian employment to serve as district recruiting officer M D 11. Later he was appointed D A A C and was serving in this capacity until he was called on to organize the rangers, a counterpart of the British Home Guard

Colonel Taylor was well qualified to act as commander of the rangers After graduation from college he worked as a timber cruiser and land surveyor Years of experience in the British Columbia lumber industry gave him a first hand knowledge of the rugged terrain throughout Pacific Command

Vancouver Forecast

Vancouver and Vicinity—Light winds, fair with increasing cloudiness late in the afternoon Not much change in temperature.

CRITIC TO SPEAK

Alan Crawley eminent critic and editor of the magazine Contemporary Verse and well known in the world of letters will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Vancouver Island region of the Federation of Canadian Artists at a meeting to be held Friday night at the Empress Hotel Mark Kearley president of the local organization, will preside

SIX BELLS Wales (Reuter) Four hundred families of this North Monmouthshire village are moving from their homes, threatened by subsidence of old mine workings Cracking walls, earth fissures collapsing ceilings and jammed doors and windows warned of settling workings under the village

At the Theatres

ATLAS THEATRE A new screen team is presented in "The Clock, colorful romance by Paul and Pauline Gallico, which ends tonight at the Atlas Theatre Judy Garland is teamed with Robert Walker, sensational young leading man who scored in the title role of 'See Here, Private Hargrove, in the film which was produced by Arthur Freed The story tells of the last 48 hours spent by a soldier about to be shipped overseas

CADET THEATRE A spacious people, the Russians—and so it was only fitting that for the year's most blushing comedy smash, a truly spacious regal bed was constructed to hold amorous, glamorous Catherine, Queen of all Russia, as portrayed by Tallulah Bankhead in Ernst Lubitsch's A Royal Scandal which ends tonight at the Cadet Theatre

OAK BAY AND PLAZA THEATRES Where a dozen leading American male songwriters failed, pretty blonde Ann Ronell succeeded in writing an infantryman's song which the Army has adopted as the official song of the United States footsoldier. Her composition, "The Infantry March," was written for the film Ernie Pyle's Story of GI Joe which is now showing at the Oak Bay and Plaza Theatres The song will be played henceforth as the music to identify the tough, battle-wise American GI

Amusements

ON THE SCREEN

Atlas—"The Clock" starring Robert Walker and Judy Garland

Cadet—Tallulah Bankhead in A Royal Scandal

Capitol—Jennifer Jones and Joseph Cotten in "Love Letters"

Dominion — "Fallen Angel" starring Alice Faye and Dana Andrews

Oak Bay and Plaza—Ernie Pyle's Story of G I Joe

Rio—"China's Little Devils," starring Harry Carey and Paul Kelly

York—"The Enchanted Forest, starring Edmund Lowe and Brenda Joyce

CAPITOL THEATRE Gladys Cooper once known as London's most beautiful woman, is now a Hollywood favorite In one of her first American motion pictures, "Now Voyager," Miss Cooper won an Academy Award nomination for her outstanding supporting performance Now, in 'Love Letters' Paramount's Hal Wallis production at the Capitol Theatre, she plays an important role with stars Jennifer Jones and Joseph Cotten in the lead

DOMINION THEATRE The screen's most gripping drama of desire and murder Fallen Angel now showing at the Dominion Theatre was produced and directed by Otto Preminger of "Laura" fame, the picture stars Linda Darnell in its outstanding cast and includes Charles Bickford Anne Revere, Bruce Cabot John Carradine and Percy Kilbride

YORK THEATRE Six-year-old Billy Severn chalked up the 130th screen role for Hollywood's famous family of acting kids Billy achieved the trick with the aid of fourteen trained animals and birds in Enchanted Forest the PRC all-color drama now at the York Theatre in which he is featured with Edmund Lowe Brenda Joyce and Harry Davenport

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Protestant Home Officers Are Returned; Bequest Reported

Subscribers to the B.C. Protestant Orphans' Home at their annual meeting in the City Hall yesterday afternoon re-elected all last year's board of managers except J. L. Mara, who received a vote of thanks on his retirement. His place was taken by Dr. B. J. Willis.

At a board of managers' meeting immediately after the general meeting, Reginald Hayward was named honorary president, and the following other honorary officers were unanimously re-elected: John Baxter, secretary; R. H. Shanks, treasurer; W. E. Staneland, chairman of repairs, buildings and grounds committee; Rev. George Biddle, chaplain; Dr. F. M. Bryant, physician; Dr. F. H. Moore, dentist; Reginald Genn, auditor; J. B. Clearihue, K.C., solicitor.

Members of the board of managers are Mr. Hayward, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Shanks, Dr. Willis, Mr. Biddle, P. R. Brown, Aldermen Edward Williams, J. A. Worthington and D. D. McTavish, W. E. Staneland, G. G. Fraser and J. W. Jones. All 24 members of the ladies' committee and junior auxiliary were named again.

Board of managers will investigate the possibility of drafting a scroll to honor former boys and girls of the orphanage who served in the armed forces. The suggestion came after the president hold told subscribers of a $1134.74 bequest from Pte. William Allen, a former inmate, who was killed on active service and left his entire estate to the orphanage which had raised him from infancy, although nothing had been heard from him in the 20 years since he left here. Efforts will be made to obtain a photograph from army authorities and hang it in the home as memorial.

FINANCIAL REPORT SHOWS OPERATING LOSS

An operating loss of $3,262.71 was [illegible] compared with a loss of $4,791.99 in 1944.

Mr. Hayward pointed out there had been no serious illness among the children and that for some years there had been no deaths at the orphanage. He recalled that in 73 years no one who left the orphanage had been involved in crime.

Seventeen children were received in the home during 1945 and 14 were discharged, Mr. Baxter reported. On December 31 there were 53 children in the home, 17 girls and 36 boys.

Modernization of the kitchen, provision of extra staff quarters and partial redecoration were reported by W. E. Staneland, chairman of buildings and grounds committee. He recommended better accommodation in the laundry, which, he said, was too crowded.

Mrs. Jessie L. King, secretary of the ladies' committee, reported successful linen and pound parties, and Joan Cromack, secretary of the junior auxiliary, told how the auxiliary's sewing and knitting program had supplied many garments unobtainable in stores.

General Manager Willys of Canada

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 22.—Charles R. Prout has been appointed general manager of Canada, Ltd., it was announced today by Charles E. Sorensen, president of Willys-Overland Motors.

Former sales executive of Chrysler Corporation of Canada, Ltd., Prout brings to his new position a wide background of automotive wholesaling and retailing in both United States and Canada. Prior to his association with Chrysler he was general sales manager of Covey Motor Car Co., of Portland, Ore., and later, general manager of Dray-Campbell, Ltd., of Regina, Sask.

Prout will maintain executive offices of the Willys subsidiary in Toronto and will supervise the Canadian distribution of the civilian jeep as the first unit in the four-part product program recently announced by the auto concern, which will include a completely new, low-cost, small passenger car.

Forestry Research Camp Near Haney

A modern forestry camp, costing approximately $34,800, will be built on the University Forest Research Tract, situated at Pitt Lake, near the town of Haney, B.C.

The buildings are to include a staff and guest house, four-man cabins, dining-room and kitchen, washroom and drafting-room, and is to be used for the proposed six-week Spring session.

The 3,600-acre forest is approximately 40 miles from the U.B.C. campus and can be reached over good roads in an hour and a half.

According to Prof. F. M. Knapp, Forestry Department, the tract is from the standpoint of size, accessibility, variation in forest sites and variety of timber types, one of the finest school forests on the continent.

The varied forest types and age classes are practically ideal for demonstration and research purposes. Practical training in silvi-culture, sustained yield, botany, timber cruising and growth will be included among the subjects studied there.

Tree Planting to Be Started Soon

Several hundred men will be hired by the British Columbia Forest Service in about a month—as soon as it is safe to assume that there will be no more snow to launch an extensive tree-planting program on Vancouver Island.

The Forest Department's nurseries on the Island now have 10,000,000 three-year-old and 7,000,000 two-year-old trees ready for planting and the older trees will be planted first. The program embraces large planting projects for the Sooke, Lake Cowichan and Campbell River areas.

Planting is expected to take from six weeks to two months as early Spring is the only period suitable for planting young trees.

Burials at Ross Bay Number 181

There were 181 burials in Ross Bay Cemetery during 1945, according to the year-end report given to the City Council by M. F. Hunter, secretary of the cemetery. Of these, 93 were women and 88 men.

Sixty-one were persons between the ages of 70 and 80. Next largest group was of persons between 80 and 90.

Ten children under the age of one year were buried and 17 stillborn children, but no one between the age of one year and 20. Between the ages of 20 and 40 there were only five burials, while there were six over 90.

January and February were the heaviest burial months, 27 in December and 24 in January. May was the lightest month with only ten burials.

Fishermen Seek Better Wharfage

A wharf and 1,200 feet of floats at the foot of Erie Street in the Inner Harbor for the use of fishermen has been requested by the Victoria local of United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union in a letter to Mayor Percy E. George.

The letter points out that Victoria is now one of Canada's principal fishing ports and that a larger fishing fleet would mean greater employment in the city.

The present wharf is completely inadequate and cannot take care of the increasing number of vessels coming into the harbor, the union contended.

No Animals Taken on "Exercise Muskox"

Local S.P.C.A. officials have been advised by the Department of National Defence that their protest against the inclusion of a Boston bull terrier in the Arctic expedition known as "Exercise Muskox" has been investigated by Hon. Douglas Abbott, Minister of National Defence, and the society has been assured that no animals have been taken on this expedition.

Opposing Troops Are Separated

PEIPING, Jan. 22 (AP).—Executive headquarters of the new Truce Commission, in its second general directive, today ordered both Chinese Communist and National Government troops in zones of conflict to withdraw at least 20 miles, or one full day's march, from the points of combat.

As soon as the forces break off fighting and are separated, field commanders are further instructed, positions that the two sides held on the night of January 12 are to be restored. It was on the night of January 12 that the truce was to have taken effect.

The new directive came at a time when there were many reports of violation of the cease-fire orders. Not all of them, however, could be confirmed. American army and marine planes, nevertheless, were scattering cease-fire leaflets throughout five provinces of North and Central China.

R.C. Sea Cadets

Orders for the week ending January 26, 1946, by Lieut. Cmdr. P. W. Tribe, commanding officer R.C.S.C.C. Rainbow.

Tuesday, January 22, 1946. The entire ship's company will parade at headquarters at 18 15, duty hands at 18.00.

Duty Division, Jutland—D.O.W., W.D. Taylor; duty P.D., P.O. Nobbs; quartermaster, T. D. Heppel; sentries, J. Hermiston, R. Kendall, D. Maldon, W. L. Taylor; bugler, W. Ross; messengers, D. H. Zanelli, D. Dard, T. C. McLeod; duty signalmen, D. Knill, W. Anderson.

Friday, January 25, 1946. The entire ship's company will parade at headquarters at 18 15, duty hands at 19 00.

Duty Division, Rodney—O.O.W., Lk. Smith; duty P.D., P. D. Rimes; quartermaster, D. R. Edgington; sentries, E. Wallis, H. McCaughey, D. A. Jeune, W. Wong, B. Emery; bugler, R. McVie; messengers, R. Webber, J. W. Rowan, G. Shipley; duty signalmen, D. Clyde, W. Peterson.

LT. C. R. POWELL,
Executive Officer.

News of the Forces

Servicemen and Veterans

Add, Delete Names Mauretania List

Names of an additional 24 Vancouver Island men who are expected to arrive at Halifax on the Mauretania today, and those of two others previously stated to be arriving but now deleted from the list, were released by the Army last night.

Those who will not be arriving are Capt. I. A. MacDonald, Duncan, and Dvr. W. Wakelem, Nanaimo.

Due today in Halifax are: S.Sgt. A. R. Craigmyle, 3007 Fifth Street; Warrant Officer R. Dickson, 2513 Asquith Street; Acting S.Sgt. O. A. Parker, 1052 Richmond Avenue; S.Sgt. W. E. Peters, 1203 Yukon Street; Acting Sgt. G. H. Pinnington, 949 Foul Bay Road; Sgt. R. H. Truscott, 818 Drenville Avenue; Sgt. W. F. Waddington, 1190 Fort Street; Pte. E. W. Baldwin, 8 Milton Street, Nanaimo; Cpl. A. H. Cannon, 862 Balmoral Road; Pte. D. P. Evans, 1501 Fort Street; Pte. W. K. Goodings, Port Alberni; Bdr. O. P. Larsen, Saanichton; Cpl. J. W. McEvay, 1209 Alderman Road; L.-Cpl. G. Paterson, 1224 Reynolds Road; Pte. J. P. Perry, 94 Moss Street; Cpl. W. J. K. Powell, R.R. 1, Duncan; Cpl. J. A. Robertson, 580 Burnside Road; Pte. L. J. Thomas, Craigflower; Pte. A. A. Warren, R.R. 1, Fanny Bay; Cfn. R. Willmore, 910 Ralph Street; Tpr. L. Witham, Duncan; Cpl. D. P. Wolff, 1524 Gladstone Avenue; Cpl. F. R. Zboyovsky, 120 Fort Street, Nanaimo; Capt. Vincent W. Smith, 29 Beach Drive.

Women Ahead of Men In Veteran Training

More returned servicewomen than men, figured on a percentage basis, are taking vocational training and the number of women in training courses is likely to increase during the next few months, according to Miss M. D. Slater, superintendent of women's rehabilitation for the Veterans' Affairs Department at Ottawa.

According to Culbertson

The South player in today's deal brushed aside "interference bidding" and reached an excellent grand slam contract—but his play of that contract was horrible to behold!

South, dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 5 4
♥ J 6 2
♦ 6 5
♣ A 9 7 4 3

WEST
♠ 2
♥ Q 10 7 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ Q 10 8 2

EAST
♠ K Q J 10 9 7 6 3
♥ 9 5
♦ 4
♣ J 5

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A K 8
♦ A K Q J 10 7 2
♣ K 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	3 ♠
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	6 ♠
6 NT	Pass	Pass	7 ♠
7 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North-South were showing aces in response to two-bids, hence South knew that he would find the ace of clubs opposite him. The grand slam, of course, was still a gamble, since North would have to take care of South's losing heart, but the queen of clubs or the queen of hearts would do that and there were other possibilities if North lacked both of those cards.

It was those "other possibilities" that South neglected! West opened the spade deuce. The blank ace won and declarer cashed six diamond tricks, discarding two clubs and two spades from dummy. West let go two hearts and a club. East cheerfully gave up five spades. Now declarer led the club six to the ace and slyly played the heart jack. His object was clear: he was hoping that East had the heart queen and would refuse to cover. East, however, had no chance to make such an egregious blunder, and when the jack was allowed to ride, West swooped down with a relieved grunt.

South should not have put his faith in the feeble hope that East, if he had the heart queen, would fail to cover the jack. South should have cashed his last diamond and carefully watched West's discard. If West let go another club, dummy's three clubs would be good. If West unguarded the heart queen, South would have no trouble taking all three tricks in that suit. In short, the opportunity to squeeze West was excellent, and the mere laying down of the last trump would have done the trick.

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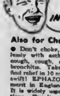

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